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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 635.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Psychology ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 635, regarding the **reappointment** of Rosemary Adam-Terem, Ph.D., to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Adam-Terem's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Adam-Terem has been serving as a licensee member since May 25, 2012. Dr. Adam-Terem has been a Hawaii licensed psychologist since July 1, 1987. Her license is current, active, and in good standing. Since she was appointed, Dr. Adam-Terem attended eleven of the seventeen Board meetings that the Board conducted.

Given Dr. Adam-Terem's extensive psychological experience, she is able to quickly understand the issues before the Board. Furthermore, because of her many years of experience as a practitioner, the Board has asked for her thoughts and guidance on complicated issues. By bringing her knowledge, background and expertise to discussions, she offers a unique perspective; the Board has had the necessary information and knowledge on which to base its decisions.

The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Adam-Terem to the Board of Psychology, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Rosemary Adam-Terem
Board of Psychology

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Psychology?

I have had the honor of serving on the Board of Psychology since 2012 when I replaced a member who could not continue to serve. During this period, I have learned the workings of the Board and feel that I would be able to contribute more in a second term. I believe that the work of the Board is very important for consumer protection and the maintenance of the highest standards for our profession.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

As a member of the Board of Psychology, I would have several roles and responsibilities. One is to evaluate the applications of candidates for licensure to ensure that only appropriately qualified people become licensed to provide psychological services to the people of Hawai'i. Another is to consider legislation that might affect consumers and providers of psychological services, and provide input where appropriate. In addition, the Board is often asked to render an opinion on questions raised by consumers or providers. Finally, there is an adjudicative role where complaints upheld against psychologists need to be discussed and voted upon by the Board with regard to any disciplinary action.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I have been a psychologist in Honolulu for over 25 years, and during that time I have taken an active role in governance of the Hawai'i Psychological Association, serving as clinical representative, secretary, treasurer, and president. I have also chaired various committees and am currently the chair of the Ethics and of the Convention/Continuing Education Committees. In addition to my full-time clinical work, I was involved for over 10 years as the Associate Director of the Psychology Internship program at Kapi'olani Counseling Center, where we oversaw the preparation of doctoral and post-doctoral candidates for licensure. I also teach occasionally as a member of the adjunct faculty in the Clinical Studies Program of the Department of Psychology at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. This helps me stay current with developments in the field and allows me to get to know some of the psychologists of the future. I have also served in governance and on committees at the national level in the American Psychological Association, as Hawai'i's member of the Council of Representatives, member and co-chair of the Committee on Rural Health, and currently as a member of the Continuing Education Committee. At the Divisional level, I served as the board member for Social Justice and Public Policy and subsequently and currently as the chair of that committee in Division 29 of APA, Psychotherapy.

With the experience I have gained working with the Board of Psychology over the past two years, I feel that I have learned a great deal and that this would help me be a valuable Board member going forward.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I would hope to be of service by fulfilling my roles and responsibilities. I would like to assist in the development of the new continuing education requirement. I would also like to be part of discussions on future directions e.g. the role of telehealth and its effects on consumer access to care and quality of service, or the increasing need for systems of license mobility as consumers and providers alike travel more.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

I am conscientious, hard-working, and energetic. I believe that these qualities allow me to be actively useful as a Board member.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I think that my dedication to service in its various forms, but perhaps principally my work at the national level, allows me to stay abreast of developments in the profession that may impact consumers.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I would have no financial conflicts of interest. In a relatively small professional community there will be times when I will have to recuse myself from discussions concerning a person I know in another context, e.g. when a former student comes up for licensure. Where any of my other roles might create conflict, I would recuse myself at the appropriate end.