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Report Title: Board Of Physical Therapy

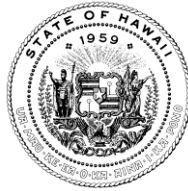
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Regular Session of 2016

Friday, April 1, 2016
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 705.

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

My name is Alan Taniguchi and I am the Executive Officer for the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 705, regarding the **reappointment** of Neil Shimabukuro to the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Shimabukuro's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Shimabukuro has served on the Board since July 1, 2012, and has been the Board Chair since September 9, 2014. Mr. Shimabukuro has been a physical therapist for over 15 years. He has experience as a chief operating officer, clinic manager and

senior physical therapist in another clinic and currently owns his own physical therapy practice.

Mr. Shimabukuro has attended 22 out of 22 Board meetings. He has volunteered to take the lead in developing a jurisprudence course which will be required of all physical therapists when they renew their license at the end of this year. The Board's mission to effectively oversee physical therapy in Hawaii will continue with his reappointment.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Shimabukuro to the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Answers to questions:

1) I believe that the work we do on the Board of PT is important and worthwhile. I have enjoyed learning about the legislative process and the role and function of the DCCA and the PVL division. I want to continue to work on that we've started regarding PTA licensing and continuing competency requirements for PT, in addition to the everyday functions of the board.

2) My role as a board member is to protect the public by ensuring safe and ethical practice of physical therapy by competent, licensed physical therapists. I am responsible for attending meetings and for making objective and well-informed decisions.

3) I help consumers by providing a balance between professional and technical knowledge as a practicing PT and as a consumer myself. I try to use the Golden Rule - Do for others, as you would want done for you - as a physical therapist AND as a consumer.

4) I have 16 years as a working physical therapist. I am a small business owner. I am a member of my professional organizations. I interact with many physical therapists and consumers everyday. All of these roles equip me to making sound decisions.

5) I hope to uphold fairness for the professionals, safety for the consumers of PT, and the ethical practice of PT.

6) I am a) patient - good decisions take time and the right process. b) a good listener - all sides need to be heard. People with differing opinions need to be heard in order to be fair. c) flexible - my personal opinions, are opinions only, and I need to be flexible to make the best decisions for the overall good.

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