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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 648, SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF MASSAGE
THERAPY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, OLIVIA NAGASHIMA, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 6-30-2022.**

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

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 648, nominating Ms. Olivia Nagashima for membership to the Board of Massage Therapy ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Ms. Nagashima has more than 20 years of experience in massage therapy since obtaining her license in 1996 and running her own practice, Koolau Massage. In addition to being a practitioner, she has extensive experience as an instructor, including serving as department chair of the massage therapy program at the Honolulu campus of Remington College. Ms. Nagashima also has vast experience in fields outside of massage, such as real estate dating back to 1979 and specialty contract work since 1989. Ms. Nagashima is the current president of the American Massage Therapy

Association – Hawaii Chapter and is familiar with the responsibilities of serving on the Board, having previously served on the Board from 2008 to 2016.

Given Ms. Nagashima's professional experience and extensive roles in the field of massage therapy, the Department believes that she is in a good position to once again positively contribute to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Nagashima's nomination to the Board of Massage.

April 5, 2018

Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Dear Ms. Baker,

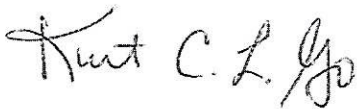
I am writing in support and to highly recommend that Olivia Nagashima, licensed massage therapist (LMT), be considered as a prospective candidate for the Hawaii Board of Massage. I have known Olivia Nagashima since October 2011. She is the principal therapist and owner of Koolau Massage with 17 years of experience. Also she is a department manager of massage therapy at Remington College where she instructs students in the classroom and clinical settings.

Her mentorship during my massage apprenticeship, from November 2011 until May 2012, provided ample knowledge and skills that enabled me to successfully pass the State of Hawaii Massage Therapy Exam in September 2012. Subsequently, I began my career in massage therapy and have occasionally participated in her workshops on Oahu. Her passion, dedication, and contributions to furthering the education and skills of local practitioners inspired me to start my own massage establishment on Molokai in April 2013 (to present).

Her abilities as a sole-proprietor of a small business, clinician in massage therapy, and college instructor will definitely make her a significant contributor to your board. Also she has the ability to develop relationships with others as I have observed her excellent rapport with clients, students, and fellow massage therapists. In addition, her time management skills are remarkable as she is able to accomplish all of this and still spend needed family time with her husband (Jason) and adult children (Nicole and Justin).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration,



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April 4, 2018

Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Dear Ms. Baker,

I have known Olivia Nagashima, licensed massage therapist and Remington College Department Chair of Massage Therapy, since my enrollment at Remington College in July 2017. I have studied directly under her from February 2018 to April 2018. She has been an exceptional mentor in my academic success. She has put in extra time to help me prepare for my national massage exam without hesitation.

Mrs. Nagashima is well respected on the Remington College campus. Her experiences as a massage therapist has provide all of us with valuable knowledge and has given me more than enough confidence to pursue my goals through therapeutic massage. She has been able to manage multiple businesses, maintain her duties as the President of the American Massage Therapy Association, thoroughly teach students, and still finds time for family vacations. She seems to have the perfect balance between work and family.

I highly recommend Olivia Nagashima to be considered as a candidate for a position on the Hawaii Board of Massage. She has more than enough experience, and has remained active in the massage field. She will bring new suggestions relating to changes and problems in the massage profession. She is highly qualified to take on a position as a member of the Hawaii Board of Massage.

If you have any questions for me, I can be contacted by email at ieshabronson@gmail.com or (808) 683-9891.



Iesha N. Salazar

3/27/18

To whom it may concern,

I do hereby offer my support for Olivia Nagashima as a professional member for the Massage Therapy Board.

Olivia has many years of experience as an LMT and educator for the industry. Olivia is very active in the community and is a great representative of all aspects of independent contractors, day spas, resort spas and education. With her constant involvement she has her finger on the pulse of industry always.

With her wealth of knowledge and personal drive, I feel she would be a great asset to the board.

Kind regards,

Samantha Meehan-Vandike

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April 6, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Lorrie Wong, would like to offer my support for Olivia Nagashima as a professional member for the Hawaii State Massage Therapy Board. I have taught with Olivia for the past 5 years and have had first hand experience of her expertise and dedication to the field of massage therapy.

Olivia has been a licensed massage therapist for well over two decades and extremely active in the community. She has held many positions for the AMTA Hawaii Chapter and is the current president. Her experience, depth of knowledge and passion make her a perfect candidate to be a board member.

Thank you,
Lorrie Wong