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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2018

Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 679, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, STEPHANIE BATH, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.**

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

My name is Carol Kramer, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Massage Therapy ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 679, regarding the **reappointment** of Stephanie Bath to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Bath's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Bath has been appointed as a licensee member of the Board since April 17, 2014. She has been a licensed massage therapist since 1981, and her license is current and in good standing. Ms. Bath previously served on the Board from 1987 to 1992. Since her appointment, she has attended 17 out of 20 scheduled board meetings. Ms. Bath is always prepared for these meetings and eagerly participates by sharing knowledge she has attained over the years regarding the practice of massage

therapy. Her insights as a massage therapist have been insightful and invaluable to Board discussions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Bath's confirmation to the Board.

**From:** [Patricia Hanson Hubner](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Recommendation for Stephanie Bath - Board of Massage Therapy  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 9:36:36 AM

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Dear Senator Baker,

I have known Stephanie Bath for over 5 years and interact with her on a regular basis.

Stephanie is a person of high integrity and commitment. She is a hard worker and gives her whole heart to helping others. Stephanie knows the science and the skill of being a massage therapist and sets an excellent example of this profession for others.

I wholeheartedly recommend that she continue serving on the Hawai'i State Board of Massage Therapy!

Kind regards,  
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March 28, 2018

Letter of Recommendation for Stephanie Bath

I am writing to recommend Stephanie Bath for a position on the State Board of Massage Therapy. I have worked with Stephanie for the past eight years as co-workers in a long range project to increase road connectivity and emergency response capacity in the Districts of Puna. This has been a long and daunting process giving us the opportunity to grow our capacity for patience, understanding, perseverance, positive and creative and problem solving and working effectively with diverse and challenging populations. In all of these spheres Stephanie has been an outstanding practitioner.

I have witnessed the strength and endurance she brought to recovering physically and emotionally from the traffic accident. She has been an inspiration.

When Stephanie commits to an action she can be counted on to follow through, to do an excellent job and to bring her fine personal qualities to all she does. She will be an asset to the State Board of Massage Therapy.

Sincerely,



Patti Pinto

**From:** [Brent Watson](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Stephanie Bath - Letter of Recommendation  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 4:24:14 PM

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Aloha Senator Baker,

It is my pleasure to write on behalf of Stephanie Bath and to recommend her to serve again on the State Board of Massage Therapy.

I am aware that Mrs. Bath has been a dedicated massage therapist for 30 years. I have been acquainted with her during the last almost 9 years. In that time frame I know her to possess the traits of strict personal integrity, a positive self-motivator, one who follows through on commitments, trustworthy with responsibility, compassionate, caring, and eager to serve, as demonstrated by her previous service on the Board and numerous other volunteer positions in church and community. Such additional volunteerism includes children's teacher and leader, active involvement in a large women's society, Kona LDS Temple volunteer worker, CERT member, and soon-to-be prison volunteer.

Stephanie Bath certainly fits the old adage - If you want something done, give it to someone who's busy!

I believe her to be worthy of public trust and public service, and am pleased to add my recommendation.

Sincerely and Mahalo Nui,

Brent Watson

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**From:** [Clay Jung](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Nomination to the State Board of Massage Therapy: Stephanie Bath  
**Date:** Sunday, April 8, 2018 4:25:32 PM

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Clay Jung. Below is my recommendation for Stephanie Bath.

**THIS IS A LETTER TO RECCOMEND STEPHANIE BATH, TO THE STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

Stephanie Bath is a very experienced and knowledgeable Massage Therapist. I have had the privilege of knowing and watching Stephanie in and out of her profession.

She is a person of great integrity and is valued in the community as well as other organizations. I know Stephanie as a Massage Therapist. A wife and Mother. Fellow church member. Civil Defense volunteer, avid outdoor enthusiast, longtime recycler, knowledgeable gardener and health conscious person. Steph spends her time with various organizations and committees that I have had the opportunity to serve with and see Stephanie in action. This is a person with a passion for helping others, yet believes in helping others become responsible for their actions. She likes to learn new skills and share with others who wish to learn. Stephanie is not afraid to grow and expand her mind, open to new ideas, and to remain current in her career. Very capable yet not overbearing.

I have known Stephanie for 20 years.  
During this time she has helped me with:  
2 severe lower back injuries.

1 Microdiscectomy.

A Fractured Tibia and Fibula requiring a Titanium rod and pins to hold it in place.  
Fractured Clavicle which also required a steel plate to hold the bone in place for almost 6 weeks. Then had plate removed after fracture healed.  
Not to mention various types of strains, spasms and pains as a result of my injuries.

Stephanie Bath has always been the Therapist I seek out for treatment and consultation during my ailments. She is able to use a "gift" she has been given to read a Human body as we would read a book. I have sought out many types of Treatments from Chiropractors to Acupuncture and more. Yet I choose to see Stephanie each time.

Throughout those years of pain and discomfort, Stephanie Bath helped me recover and spent much of her "own" time teaching me how to care, manage, prevent and treat my body. She is a very intelligent not just sympathetic but empathetic to each individual who seeks her assistance.

As I have mentioned Stephanie Bath is involved in other community activities. What impresses me most is the fact that they all are related to giving service and her time to help others. I know that her work with Civil Defense is extremely important and critical to our island.

I cannot give Stephanie any higher praise then to tell you she is a very caring person. Not just

to those she knows. She cares for all people, our children and their future. Stephanie Bath cares for our State, our Aina. Please give her the opportunity to continue to share her abundant compassion, her years of experience as a Massage Therapist and lastly her honesty and integrity.

Thank you for this opportunity to write on her behalf. Please feel free to contact me at  
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Much Aloha,  
Clay Jung

**From:** [Patricia Reiss](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Recommendation letter for appointment of Stephanie Bath to State Board of Massage Therapy  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 8:05:49 PM

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March 3, 2018

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Dear Senator Baker:

My name is Patricia Reiss, and I have been asked to submit a letter of recommendation regarding the re-appointment of Stephanie Bath to the State Board of Massage Therapy and which would extend through the year 2022.

I have known Stephanie Bath for over twenty years, not only as a business woman and professional massage therapist, but also as a fellow church member and a dear friend. As long as I have known her, she has adhered to a high moral and ethical standard in both her profession and personal life. Stephanie has acquired a vast knowledge and understanding in her chosen field of therapeutic health care as well as many other related areas. She is a great resource and has an eager willingness to help and share with others. Her gentleness and caring has assisted many back to health through her massage practice over many years in Hilo. Stephanie is a mover, who gets things done. She also is a terrific planner, organizer, and motivator who works with respect and compassion alongside and for others no matter what age. She stands up for what she believes in and she is a true and loyal friend. I am grateful to know her, work with her, and to be her friend.

Thanks you for this opportunity,

Respectfully,

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**From:** [Merrily Wolf](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony; baker3 - Veronique](#)  
**Subject:** State Board of Massage Therapy  
**Date:** Monday, April 2, 2018 11:00:59 AM

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Aloha,

I'm writing to endorse the nomination of Stephanie Bath to the Hawai'i State Board of Massage Therapy. Ms Bath currently serves on the Board where she has consistently demonstrated her dedication to consumer safety and protection. Those fortunate enough to have worked with Ms Bath know that she is firmly committed to this field. She has abundant experience as a practicing massage therapist and is a person of integrity, creativity, and compassion. She embodies the aloha spirit in both her work and in her relationships.

I urge you to extend her Board position and her service to the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo,  
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