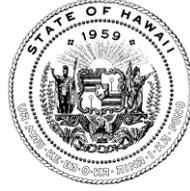


GM592

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Report Title: Board of Physical Therapy

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**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 5, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 592, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CYNTHIA TAMAYO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Cynthia Tamayo's appointment to the Board of Physical Therapy (Board).

Ms. Tamayo has more than 35 years in physical therapy, dating back to 1983 at DePaul Health Care Center in St. Louis, Missouri. After nine years at DePaul, she spent the next nine years at Saint Francis West on Oahu, primarily as the rehabilitation department manager. Currently, Ms. Tamayo is the rehabilitation department manager for Shriners Hospital for Children, a position she has held since 2001.

In addition, Ms. Tamayo presently serves on the ethics committee for the Hawaii chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. She has also previously served two terms on the Board, including for two years as chair.

The Department believes that Ms. Tamayo's interest in serving on the Board, commitment to actively participate in board meetings, and knowledge of and experience in the profession will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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GM 592 Gubernatorial Nominee, Cynthia Tamayo
Board of Physical Therapy
Senate CPH Hearing
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Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

I am Gregg Pacilio, PT and Board President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA), a non-profit professional organization serving more than 340 member Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants. We are movement specialists and are part of the spectrum of care for Hawaii, and provide rehabilitative services for infants and children, youth, adults and the elderly. Rehabilitative services are a vital part of restoring optimum functioning from neuromusculoskeletal injuries and impairments.

HAPTA strongly support the gubernatorial nomination of Cynthia Tamayo for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy. Cynthia plays a vital role for our organization and has been the Ethic Committee Chair for multiple terms. She is a very active member of our organization, being involved in multiple committee activities including state legislative advocacy and facilitating continuing education courses by world renown speakers in the state of Hawaii.

Cynthia has had years of physical therapy experience in the state of Hawaii and is deeply rooted among our physical therapy community. She has a strong understanding of our profession and the current challenges of our healthcare system. As a prior DCCA physical therapy board member and chair, she also understands role and responsibility that comes from this position. Our organization has full confidence in her ability to fulfill the duties as a member of the physical therapy board and strongly support her confirmation.

Your support of Gubernatorial Nominee Cynthia Tamayo is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please feel free to contact me, Gregg Pacilio at 808-346-5972 for further information.

To whom it may concern,

April 3, 2019

It is totally without reservations that I am supporting the appointment of Cindy Tamayo to the Hawaii Board of Physical Therapy. She will be an asset to the Board.

I have known Cindy for more than thirty years as a fellow physical therapy practitioner in the State of Hawaii. During that time, we have both served on and Cindy has also chaired the Board during her tenure. She always brought a clear perspective to issues and was very conscientious in her service.

For more than the past decade, Cindy and I have shared chairmanship of the Ethics Committee of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. The lines between ethics and law are separate so is mission of this committee different from that of the Board. It takes a special frame of thinking that Cindy has demonstrated on numerous occasions to keep them apart. It was always a pleasure and an education to work with her on issues.

Please feel free to contact me at yeeherb@gmail.com or at (808) 348-3763 with any questions.

Respectfully,

Herbert Yee, PT

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Dear Senator Baker,

It is with great excitement and support that I offer this letter of recommendation for Cindy Smith, PT,MSPT to participate in the State Board of Physical Therapy. Cindy is an exception leader in the Hawaii Shriners location. I have been honored to work with her for over five years as the corporate director of Rehab (C-DOR).

Cindy is well respected by her colleagues and peers and is known to be fair as she keeps her staff meeting the necessary requirements for all licensure expectations. Her skill in understanding the elements in license adherence for all functions in a therapy department has been used at the national level as well. Cindy spearheaded a system-wide training and competency testing of statewide standards of practice as regulated through state boards for over 400 therapists. It was a very large undertaking and very successful. Additionally, she lead a workgroup to standardize the job descriptions of all therapists in the system. In doing so she underscored and incorporated the importance of state practice acts in all new system job descriptions.

Cindy Tamayo is one of the few Directors of Rehabilitation who is a member of our Rehabilitation Executive Council. This role impacts and leads change across the entire Shriners system of care. At present, we are leading a major change in the electronic medical records for which she is also involved.

Cindy's experience in the field, her ability to maintain and lead competency and contemporary practice as well as her calm and reasonable approach will be a tremendous asset to the Hawaii State Board.

I recommend Cindy without reservation and look forward to following the work she will produce for your state.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this recommendation for Cindy Tamayo PT, MSPT..

And leads Best regards,

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