

Testimony of the Board of Psychology

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 625, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JILL OLIVEIRA CABBAB,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-27**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Fernandez, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Psychology (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Jill Oliveira Cabbab's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Oliveira Cabbab was initially appointed to the Board in 2017, and continues to serve well. She is familiar with the Board's responsibilities and tasks that include: granting, suspending, and revoking licenses; establishing administrative rules; and enforcing provisions governing the State's licensing of the industry of psychology. She understands the expectation that individual Board members regularly attend and participate in the Board's functions. Importantly, Dr. Oliveira Cabbab continues to express a strong interest in participating in policy and consumer protection issues at the Board level, and her knowledge of the many facets of psychology and extensive history of training future clinicians and providing psychological services in Hawaii are foundational for her work on the Board.

Dr. Oliveira Cabbab has worked in the state for 20 years and has held positions at notable health centers such as I Ola Lāhui, Tripler Army Medical Center, Waimanalo Health Center, and Nā Pu'uwai Native Hawaiian Health Care System. Dr. Oliveira Cabbab also has experience working within training programs, such as I Ola Lāhui where, from 2013-2020, she was the Director of Training providing therapy and clinical training to both predoctoral and postdoctoral interns. While developing her career as a psychologist and trainer, she also opened her own practice in 2016. In addition, Dr. Oliveira Cabbab has also either written or contributed to multiple articles or

presentations at professional conferences on subjects such as rural and cultural-based healthcare. She is also active within the Hawaii Psychological Association, having held leadership positions within the organization. For her service in the field Dr. Oliveira Cabbab has also been recognized for several awards including by the American Psychological Association for Outstanding Psychologist in 2018.

The Board believes that Dr. Oliveira Cabbab's combination of experience, accomplishments, and commitment to public service continue to make her a strong choice for reappointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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GM 625: Dr. Jill Oliveira Cabbab - Appointment to the Board of Psychology

Dear Senator Keohokalole, Senator Fukunaga and members of the Committee,

As someone who has been a member of the psychological community for 45 years, I strongly support Dr. Cabbab's nomination for reappointment to the Board of Psychology. Jill is a clinical psychologist who is held in the highest esteem by her colleagues. She is extremely capable and her actions and behavior reflect an individual of impeccable integrity. She is a fair and compassionate individual who exhibits the finest qualities of a health care professional.

Dr. Cabbab's professional career has been one of selfless service to the underserved, rural and indigenous populations of Hawai'i. In recognition of her outstanding accomplishments in this area, she was awarded the 2016 Hawaii Psychological Association Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Cabbab understands the needs of our community. As a member of the Board of Psychology, she will continue to bring considerable experience and knowledge to the task of protecting the general welfare and interests of the public, particularly as it relates to the practice of psychology.

I have worked with Dr. Cabbab for over 20 years and have observed her to be a consistently insightful and clear-minded individual who always adds value to a discussion or decision. Her superb interpersonal skills also provide a strong foundation in support of her extraordinary accomplishments.

Dr. Cabbab has my strongest endorsement for a reappointment to the Board of Psychology. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information about this exceptional individual.

Sincerely,

Raymond A. Folen, Ph.D., ABPP
Executive Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

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Dear Senator Keohokalole, Senator Fukunaga, and honorable members of the Committee,

I am humbly submitting this written testimony in strong support of Dr. Jill Oliveira Cabbab's nomination for reappointment to the Board of Psychology. Jill is a skilled and caring clinical psychologist who is highly respected by her colleagues and patients. She has consistently exemplified a lifetime of selfless service to addressing the mental health care needs of so many people across the state. Furthermore, she has tirelessly advocated for safe and accessible health care for everyone. Dr. Cabbab exhibits compassion, integrity, and professionalism to the highest degree in all that she does. She embodies and exemplifies all the values and characteristics of a true health care hero.

Dr. Cabbab's professional career over the past 20 years has encompassed a passionate dedication to improving the mental health and quality of life for individuals and families living in Hawaii's medically underserved and rural areas. She has also dedicated her life to advancing the profession of psychology in our state by training the next generation of psychologists for the majority of her career. In recognition of her outstanding accomplishments in these areas, she was recognized by the American Psychological Association with an Outstanding Psychologist award

in 2018 and the Hawaii Psychological Association Distinguished Service Award in 2016. Dr. Cabbab has served two terms on the Board of Psychology and truly understands the mental health needs of our island communities. had contributed her wealth of knowledge, skills, and expertise in addressing the needs of our island communities and ensuring their safety. By continuing to serve as a member of the Board of Psychology, she will continue to contribute her vast knowledge, skills, and expertise in psychological practice to meet the interests of the public and protect the general welfare of all of Hawaii's people.

I have had the pleasure and honor of knowing and working with Dr. Cabbab for over the past 19 years and have benefitted from her tireless energy, wonderful insight, collaborative mindset, integrity, and professionalism. Her ability to listen and capacity to work as a team player are a tremendous asset to any organization, like the Board of Psychology.

Without any reservations, I would like to strongly endorse Dr. Cabbab for a reappointment to the Board of Psychology. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, concerns or need additional information about this exceptional individual. I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude for your consideration of my written testimony and endorsement of Dr. Jill Oliveira Cabbab.

Very Respectfully,

Darryl S. Salvador, Psy.D.

Psychologist

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

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