

Testimony of the Board of Physical Therapy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Friday, March 1, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 508, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CYNTHIA TAMAYO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rochelle Araki, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Physical Therapy (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Cynthia Tamayo's reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Ms. Cynthia Tamayo has been licensed as a physical therapist in Hawaii since August 18, 1992, and her license is current, valid and in good standing.

Since her interim appointment to the Board in 2019, Ms. Tamayo has attended 20 out of 21 board meetings. She has served as the Vice Chairperson for the Board and since September 2020, has served as the Board's Chairperson. Her contributions and insights have assisted the Board in its decision-making review of applications as well as other matters. For these reasons, the Board believes that Ms. Tamayo will continue to contribute to the Board while enhancing its effectiveness. Her leadership will ensure the continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the practice of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

February 26, 2024

GM 508- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Physical Therapy, Gubernatorial Nominee, CYNTHIA TAMAYO, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Stance: Support

I am submitting testimony in **strong support** for Cynthia (Cindy) Tamayo for position of the DCCA Board of Physical Therapy for the state of Hawaii.

My name is Joanne Zazzera, Physical therapist and current member of the DCCA Physical therapy board. I have known Cindy Tamayo for over 10 years for her active role in the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association for many years as well as her current involvement with the DCCA Board of Physical Therapy. She has strong leadership skills and is well respected by so many of us in the physical therapy community. As the DCCA PT Board chair, she was able to navigate open discussions, listen to the voices of others, and made clear guided decisions. I am confident in her ability to continue fulfilling her responsibilities on the board and support this nomination.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Joanne Zazzera, PT, DPT

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