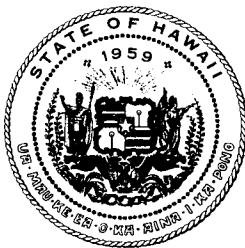


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January 15, 2002

The Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
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Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Sunset Evaluation Report: Marriage and Family Therapists*.

We concluded that the State should no longer regulate marriage and family therapists and the regulatory law, Chapter 451J, HRS, should be allowed to expire as scheduled on December 31, 2002. However, if regulation is continued, improvements are needed in the law and its administration.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. The report will be available at our website, [www.state.hi.us/auditor](http://www.state.hi.us/auditor), and released to the public and press on Wednesday, January 16, 2002.

Sincerely,

Marion M. Higa  
State Auditor

Enclosure

c:✓Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk