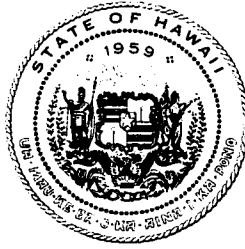


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October 22, 2002

The Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 003  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Sunset Evaluation: Occupational Therapy Practice*.

We found that the regulation of occupational therapy practice is not warranted. The scope of practice for occupational therapy has not changed significantly since our previous review of the profession in 1997, which recommended against continued regulation. We also found that since the registration requirement was implemented in 1998, no complaints have been filed with local or national agencies.

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, October 23, 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marion M. Higa".

Marion M. Higa  
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Enclosure

c:/ Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk