#### PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

#### TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2013

> Friday, February 22, 2013 9:00 a.m.

#### WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

# TESTIMONY FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1074, S.D. 1, RELATING TO PHYSICAL THERAPY.

#### TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Michael Turner, PT, Vice Chair for the Board of Physical Therapy ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in support of Senate Bill No. 1074, S.D. 1, Relating to Physical Therapy, which is an Administration bill.

The purpose of the bill is to regulate physical therapist assistants ("PTAs") and to limit the use of certain titles. The bill also requires that the regulated PTAs obtain the appropriate education and training background and obtain a license to work in the State. This will be accomplished by adding two new sections to chapter 461J, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), and amending sections 461J-1, 461J-2, 461J-3, 461J-4, and 461J-6(a), HRS.

The Board and the Administration are in full support of this bill because licensure is appropriate for PTAs since it is the highest form of regulation that guarantees public protection for consumers. Hawaii is currently the only state in the country that does not regulate PTAs. Forty-one states currently license PTAs, and eight states certify PTAs. Licensure will ensure that physical therapist ("PT") and PTA regulations are consistent with other states. PTAs are already recognized in the existing PT rules, and supervision and scope of practice is addressed in the current rules. The specific licensure of PTAs will ensure that the practice of PTAs is subject to regulatory oversight to ensure compliance with existing laws and rules. It is estimated that there are approximately 1,400 PTs and 200 PTAs working in Hawaii.

A sunrise review on a proposal to regulate PTAs was conducted in 1995 by the Auditor's Office, as mandated by section 26H-6, HRS. In 1995, 41 other states regulated physical therapist assistants. The analysis concluded that regulation of PTAs was not warranted because they found no documented evidence of harm to the public caused by PTAs in Hawaii. However, since the time of the sunrise study, PTA involvement in patient care has grown and is likely to continue to grow. Because PTAs are being used more to provide health care services, the Board and the Administration believe that licensure is appropriate at this time.

In order to implement the licensure of approximately 200 physical therapist assistants, an appropriation of \$40,000 from the compliance resolution fund is being requested. The appropriation is being requested to cover operating expenditures such as office supplies, postage, and other current expenses to carry out and maintain this new regulatory area within the Board of Physical Therapy's purview. Upon the issuance of a new license and at each license renewal period, every licensee will be assessed a \$100 surcharge in addition to the normal licensing fees. Once the collection of \$40,000 is received, the assessment of the surcharge shall cease.

We respectfully request your support for this Administration bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on Senate Bill No. 1074, S.D. 1.

# In support of SB 1074: Relating to Physical Therapy

# Aloha!

My name is Lisa Isono, and I am a Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (LPTA). I am speaking on behalf of Ho'okahi Leo: Physical Therapist Assistants of Hawaii, the official professional organization for PTAs (Physical Therapy Assistants). We respectfully request your support of this measure to recognize and require the licensure of PTAs.

- Currently, Hawai'i is the ONLY State not requiring PTA licensure
- We are asking that our profession be regulated through legislative mandate for proper schooling and continuing professional education to uphold the integrity of the practice of Physical Therapy.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of this important legislation,

Lisa Isono, LPTA Ho'okahi Leo: Physical Therapist Assistants of Hawaii



# **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII**

1360 S. Beretania St., Suite 301, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814 Testimony by: Avis Sakata, OTR SB 1074sd1, Relating to Physical Therapy Senate WAM Hearing – Friday, Feb. 22, 2013 Room 210 – 9:00 am

#### **Position: Support Intent**

Chair Ige, and Members of the Senate WAM Committee:

I am Avis Sakata, OTR and president of the Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii, (OTAH), which represents 507 occupational therapists (OTs) licensed in Hawaii. OT's work in many settings throughout the State, including hospitals, schools, prisons, skilled nursing to private facilities and community-based programs.

Occupational Therapists are recognized members of the Healthcare Rehabilitation team which is comprised also of physicians, nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists, social workers and others. As a healthcare provider, OTs provide, but are not limited to: 1) assessment and evaluation of our patients/clients needs and development of an appropriate treatment plan, 2) interventions focused on daily living skills (including self-care), work readiness, play or educational performance skills, 3) and interventions that include sensorimotor, neuromuscular functioning, cognitive or psychosocial components.

OTAH supports the intent of SB1074sd1 which seeks to regulate the use of physical therapist assistants (PTAs) and to ensure completion of appropriate education, training and national examination for licensure in Hawaii. This assures Hawaii consumers that they receive care from appropriately trained and educated PTAs under the supervision of the licensed physical therapist.

Medicare guidelines (Reference 42CFR 484.4) indicates that in order for PTA's to provide services to Medicare beneficiaries, the PTA must have

- o graduated on or before December 31, 2009, from a 2-year college-level program approved by the APTA or CAPTE; or
- o effective January 1, 2010, those PTAs must have both graduated from a CAPTE approved curriculum and passed a national examination for PTAs, hence the December 31, 2014 date indicated in the bill is appropriate.

I can be reached at 522-4602 if further information is needed. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Adrienne Ohashi	Individual	Support	No

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Kacie Cohen	Individual	Support	No

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Kailyn Osaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a high school student studying (volunteering) in the field of physical therapy and it is discouraging if the state does'nt pass this bill.

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Krystin Carillo	Individual	Support	No

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Kyle Osaki	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Shimogawa	Individual	Support	No

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Lon Donald	Individual	Support	No

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Lori Bishaw	Individual	Support	No

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Lorraine Shimogawa	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle Fujii	Individual	Support	No

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Questa Edwards	Individual	Support	No

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Robyn Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Ronnie Oda	Individual	Support	No

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