

Testimony of the Board of Massage Therapy

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

**On the following measure:
G.M. 506, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SEAN ST. LOUIS,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Risé Doi, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Massage Therapy (Board). The Board supports the appointment of Mr. Sean St. Louis to the Board of Massage Therapy as a massage therapist member.

Mr. St. Louis is a highly skilled massage therapist who has worked with many athletes and celebrities. He is a master in various massage modalities, including sports massage, lomilomi, shiatsu, hot stone, deep tissue, and Thai. He has also worked at spas in hotels such as the Halekulani, Fairmont Orchid, and Hilton Waikoloa. Mr. St. Louis has 1,250 hours in education and training in medical massage.

As an interim board member, he attended the January 9, 2024, board meeting and provided insight on requiring more hours of education and training for licensure of massage therapists.

Mr. St. Louis' extensive education and training in massage therapy and his willingness to serve the public will make him a positive addition to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 11:42:27 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peggy JS Brisbane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Peggy Brisbane, I am a licensed massage therapist in the state of Hawai'i since 2001. I am submitting testimony in support of Sean St Louis, LMT to serve on the Hawai'i Board of Massage Therapy.

Initially, I met Sean years ago (in the early 2000's) when we both started out working as LMT's on Hawai'i island at the Mauna Lani Spa. Since then I have worked with him over the years and I personally would not hesitate to refer clients out to him as I know he is highly skilled and caring with his practice.

I believe Sean is exactly the type of person to fill this position. He has at least 20 yrs experience in this profession, practicing in the state of Hawai'i. He was trained in medical massage therapy and has vast knowledge in our profession. He has taken countless hours of continuing education and truly cares about his clients, about the work we all put forth as licensed massage therapists and that we as a group have the knowledge and skills necessary to properly treat(or not when contraindicated) for the many health conditions encountered when in practice as a massage therapist. He is extremely hard working, fair, honest, knowledgeable, caring especially for the people he encounters in his work and he also has a great sense of humor to balance it all out.

Sean is truly an exceptional bodyworker in this profession and I personally believe he is exactly the kind of person who would be very beneficial to have him serve on our Hawai'i Board of Massage Therapy.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2024 1:05:40 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/1/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Wind	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My Name is Lynn Wind, Massage Therapist and Teacher of Massage Therapy. Former owner of The Hawaiian Islands School of Massage in Kona, Hawaii for 22 years.

Sean St Louis, will be a very excellent candidate for the Board nomination.

He is honest, trustworthy, reliable and has a clear mind. He graduated from the Hawaiian Islands School of Massage in March 2003 totalling 1250 hours with honors. Excellent student, Graduate, and later Teachers Assistant. Sean is a Highly skilled Massage Therapist.

Sean is a Leader with more than average organization skills, has solid values and excellent judgements. He is caring, creative, flexible and fair.

I highly recommend Sean to recieve the Board nomination. Thank you

Lynn Wind.