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9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 619, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION  
AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, PAULA BEHNKEN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Carol Kramer, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Massage Therapy ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 619, regarding the **reappointment** of Paula Behnken to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Behnken's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Behnken was appointed to the Board as a public member on December 19, 2016, and is currently the Vice Chairperson. Since her appointment, she has attended 14 out of 16 scheduled board meetings. Ms. Behnken was employed by a massage school on Maui and has generously shared her professional knowledge when reviewing applications in education and training. Her insights as a public member have been key to the Board's discussions of rule revisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Behnken's confirmation to the Board.

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The Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

Re: Nomination for **Paula Behnken** – **Nomination** ;

Dear Honorable Members:

I have worked closely with Paula over the past two years and I highly recommend her for a position on the Board of Massage Therapy.

Paula has proven to be a dependable, hardworking and conscientious worker. When given a project or task, she gets the job done in a timely matter with attention to detail and accuracy. She understands the importance of being meticulous in all things job related.

I have found Paula easy to work with. She is open and honest – truly an upstanding person.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Paula.

Sincerely,

Vicki Jones, co-owner  
D. J. Construction

Good morning

I am writing this morning with the honor of recommending Paula Behnken for the position available with your organization.

I have know Mrs. Behnken for the past 15 years and throughout that time have been amazed at her constant devotion to whatever it is at the time she is working on.

My first interaction with Mrs. Behnken was as the Head Teacher for Carden Academy of Maui... she was an extremely positive person and key in the education for both of my daughters who have since graduated with honors and are currently attending very well respected Colleges.

Over the years I have had the pleasure of seeing Paula Behnken in other roles including friend, mentor, mother and all around "great person". I think looking at the incredible children she has raised is a testimony to her true values and dedication to offering everything she has to give.

My children still call her Mrs. Behnken even though it has been over 10 years since she had them in the Classroom. I feel this is a very important statement to who Paula Behnken is... whether she is in the Classroom environment or just seeing you on the street in Makawao she gives you the confidence needed (wanted) on an everyday level.

My hope is you will chose Paula Behnken for your vacancy as I know you will be extremely pleased with this decision.

Please call or write if you have any other question or need more information.

With my warmest aloha

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**From:** [Frances Salvato](#)  
**To:** [CPN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Paula Behnken Nomination

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To Whom It May Concern

I whole-heartedly recommend Paula Behnken's nomination to the Board of Massage Therapy! She is one of the kindest, most loving souls I have ever encountered. Perhaps this is due to her background as a teacher of children here in Hawaii. I have observed her extend her mothering attentions to people from all walks of life. She is a bridge builder and a beacon of hope and peace. She is honest and humorous in establishing clear and professional boundaries while still extending a warm and caring aloha to the people she encounters.

I think Paula would make an excellent member to the Board of Massage Therapy because of her connections with the Maui community, her deep respect for Hawaiian culture, and the responsibility of fostering career paths for individuals that are empowering and pono. Paula understands the value of massage therapy in helping others receive nurturing, healing and support. She is a powerful listener and keen observer of people. She often notices what many miss and reaches out to people in a way that respects privacy and dignity. Paula understands the challenges of running a small business as well as the intricacies involved with larger governing bodies making decisions that affect the lives of individuals.

Having Paula on the Massage Board will be an empowering choice for all involved.

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Thank you,

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