

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 452-6 and Chapter 91, notice is hereby given that the Board of Massage Therapy (“Board”) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room, 1st Floor, King Kalakaua Building, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, 335 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, and virtually via Zoom to hear all persons interested in the proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) Chapter 16-84, pertaining to Massage Therapy. Please visit our Board of Massage Therapy meeting schedule website – <https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/massage/board-meeting-schedule/> — where you will find the necessary information to access the public hearing virtually.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to: (1) require massage therapists to complete 12 hours of continuing education upon renewal of their license; (2) establish standards of sanitary practices for massage therapy establishments; (3) establish requirements and standards that continuing education courses shall meet to obtain recognition and approval from the board; (4) expand the definition of “person” to include a limited liability company and business entity; (5) clarify that adult and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses cannot be completed completely online; and (6) align cardiopulmonary resuscitation training requirements for massage students with massage apprentices.

All interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, at the time of hearing. All persons wishing to submit written testimony are requested to submit 10 copies of their written testimony by November 6, 2024 to: DCCA-PVL, Attn: Board of Massage Therapy, P.O. Box 3469, Honolulu, HI 96801 or email to massage@dcca.hawaii.gov.

A copy of the proposed rules will be mailed to any person who requests a copy upon receipt of \$5.57 for the copy and postage. Please submit your request to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address noted above or contact the Board’s office by email.

Copies may be picked up at the following address between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays: Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, 335 Merchant Street, Room 329, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. The cost of a copy, \$2.70, is due and payable at the time of pick up.

Further, the proposed rules may be reviewed in person free of charge at the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address and hours of operation printed above. In addition, the full text of the proposed rules is available and can be downloaded free of charge from the web site of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs:

<https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/har/proposed/>

Individuals who require special needs accommodations are invited to call Risé Doi at (808) 586-2696 at least four (4) working days prior to the hearing.

Olivia Nagashima, Chair
Hawaii State Board of
Massage Therapy