



## ALASKA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

March 11, 2022

Representatives Zach Fields and Ivy Spohnholz  
Co-Chairs  
House Labor and Commerce Committee  
Alaska State Capitol

Dear Co-Chairs and Committee Members:

The Alaska Occupational Therapy Association (AKOTA) is writing in support of HB 323 to extend the sunset date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board (PT/OT Board). Our association represents over 200 practicing occupational therapists in the state of Alaska and we greatly appreciate the essential role the PT/OT Board plays in ensuring high standards of care and professionalism for occupational therapy and physical therapy practitioners.

This regulatory body ensures consistency, professional standards, and supports the dynamic and complex nature of OT service delivery in Alaska. Additionally, the PT/OT Board ensures the credentialing and licensure of occupational therapists (OT) and occupational therapy assistants (COTA), monitors continuing education requirements, investigates ethical and criminal concerns or wrongdoings, and provides essential protection for the people of Alaska by overseeing the qualifications, practice, and actions of OTs and COTAs in our state.

The PT/OT Board is an efficient, highly functional, and professional state board. On behalf of Alaskan OT and COTA practitioners, we appreciate your expeditious review of HB 323.

With appreciation,

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