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Thank you Representative Kito and Members of the House Labor & Commerce Committee:

Thank you for hearing the concerns of non-massage professionals and changing HB 100 to deal with massage therapists exclusively. This is appropriate and I am no longer opposed to HB 110 in its updated form.

Thank you

Jen Landry

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**Subject:** HB 110

Representative Kito—

The American Reflexology Certification Board ([www.arcb.net](http://www.arcb.net)) approves of the new 'Work Draft' of HB 110 as it stands, as long as there are no changes to the draft that would effect any of the current exemptions in the massage law.

Sincerely,

Christine Issel

ARCB Legislative Consultant



February 15, 2018

House Labor & Commerce Committee  
Attn: The Honorable Sam Kito, Chairman  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Via Email: Representative.Sam.Kito@akleg.gov

*Re: House Bill 110*

Dear Chairperson Kito:

The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) is appreciative of the opportunity to provide education and support to key decision makers on House Bill 110.

The FSMTB is a 501(c)(3) public charity nonprofit organization. The mission of the FSMTB is to support our 44 member boards and agencies, comprised of state massage therapy licensing boards and agencies (including the Alaska Board of Massage Therapy), in their work to ensure that the practice of massage therapy is provided to the public in a safe and effective manner. FSMTB serves the regulatory community and provides benefit from the knowledge gained by combining individual state resources into a larger Federation, the FSMTB. Based on this knowledge, FSMTB wishes to provide information on the topic of human trafficking in the massage industry.

FSMTB's Member boards and agencies approved a resolution to form a volunteer task force in 2015 to do the following:

- determine the prevalence and impact of human trafficking on the massage profession;
- identify areas within the jurisdiction of FSMTB to combat human trafficking, and;
- identify measures that could be pursued by individual state boards and agencies to curtail or eliminate human trafficking in the massage profession.

The FSMTB Human Trafficking Task Force completed its work and issued a final report in November of 2017. While the report acknowledges that human trafficking is a criminal matter for law enforcement, the task force found and recommends measures within the jurisdiction of state regulatory boards and FSMTB to assist in the matter. While FSMTB encourages you to read the entire report, we wanted to point out a few of the recommendations from the task force relevant to the provision in House Bill 110 to regulate massage establishments. The task force recommended state regulatory boards develop strong relationships with law enforcement, and consider implementing massage establishment regulation. The task force acknowledged that further research is needed to study the efficacy of massage establishment regulation, and recommended that FSMTB form a work group to perform that study.

While FSMTB does not have a formal position regarding the regulation of massage establishments at this time, we do encourage the use of the FSMTB Human Trafficking Task Force Report as one of the resources to review when considering ways to address human trafficking in the massage industry. You can find the full report on our website, [www.fsmtb.org](http://www.fsmtb.org). I have also attached a PDF of the report for your convenience.

The FSMTB appreciates the opportunity to support the work of the legislature and state boards in strengthening the public protection of their citizens. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Sonja Way, JD  
Director of Government Relations



Dear Representative Kito,

Thank you for your continued support of Massage Therapists in Alaska. We have been actively following your efforts with HB 275 and 110 and wanted to offer you our full support for these bills. We believe that the extension of the State Board of Massage Therapy is essential to our profession in Alaska and applaud your efforts to move this bill forward.

We strongly support CS HB 110 (L&C) work draft 30-LS0157\U- that which has removed exemption language from a previous version and also includes the fingerprinting change to once every six years. AMTA Alaska Chapter encourages you to move HB 110 version U forward as it currently is, addressing the issues facing Alaskan Massage Therapists in one, comprehensive piece of legislation.

Again, we deeply appreciate your support and efforts on our behalf.

The Alaska AMTA Chapter Board of Directors

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February 15, 2018

Representative Sam Kito  
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Representative Kito,

Thank you for your support and sponsorship of HB110U. I support this bill's CS as written and encourage its passage through committee.

HB110U will result in a more highly educated licensee by increasing required education hours for new applicants. A highly educated massage therapist is better able to treat and communicate with their clients and patients. Graduates will have increased knowledge of Medical Massage and understand the need for continuing to learn over the course of their careers. More information leads to more informed receivers of massage and a greater ability by the therapist to answer questions and help consumers of massage achieve positive long term results.

Licensed Massage Therapists are experiencing increased credibility in the Medical community and are more widely accepted into jobs in medical settings. This credibility allows for collaboration with medical professionals to create a better course of treatment, increasing the possibility for long term healing and relief from pain.

Massage Establishment Licensing is a step toward decreasing human trafficking in massage industry. Increased expectations from the public of highly trained therapists leads to legitimacy of profession due to increased knowledge about our services. We can reduce the stigma and availability of illicit business by networking with authorities such as FBI, State and local police, as well as national organizations directly related to reducing Human Trafficking in Alaska.

Reducing Continuing Education requirements of Bloodborne Pathogens and the frequency of fingerprinting help licensees with the cost of renewals. While the cost of obtaining a license has been reduced, I believe the suggested changes are another step to helping licensees afford to continue their good work and remain in the business of encouraging wellness for Alaskans.

Thank you for your support of the massage industry,

Traci K Gilmour, LMT