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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 02-12-2001

Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 52

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board."

and recommends:

[✓] be **replaced** with ____ **CS** SB 52 (fin)

[ ] adopt **previous** ____ **CS** ____ (____)

[ ] attached amendment(s) CS forthcoming

[ ] adopt Letter of Intent by ____ Committee

[ ] further referral to ____ ittee

Senate Bill:
[ ] same title
[ ] new title

House Bill:
[ ] same title
[ ] technical title
[ ] new: SCR #____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DCED	2/2/2001		✓	1

[ ] **APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note**

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	✓			
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	✓			
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	✓			
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COCHAIR:	✓			
COCHAIR:				

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number:
Bill Version: SB 52
() Publish Date:

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 2/02/2001 2:35p.m.
Title: An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board
Sponsor: Senate Rules
Requester: Senate Labor and Commerce

Dept. Affected: DCED
BRU: Occupational Licensing
Component: Occupational Licensing
Component Number: 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1156 RSS						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

The bill extends the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board s to June 30, 2007. Funding for the board is included in the FY 2002 Operating Budget request and new funds are not required. For informational purposes, the attached page shows expenditure and revenue information for the last two fiscal years.

Prepared by: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Manager — Phone (907) 465-2144
Division: Occupational Licensing — Date/Time 2/02/2001 2:35pm
Approved by: Commissioner Deborah B. Sedwick — Date 2/2/2001
Agency: Department of Community and Economic Development

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ANALYSIS: (continued)
SB 52: An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

	FY 1999 Expenditures	FY 2000 Expenditures
Personal Services:		
Direct	33,867.54	29,777.66
Indirect	12,673.41	15,321.99
Travel:		
Direct	7,414.03	6,823.44
Indirect	179.03	145.77
Contractual Services:		
Direct	7,384.65	6,850.59
Indirect	7,079.42	10,175.58
Supplies:		
Direct	289.40	17.74
Indirect	895.04	869.29
Equipment		
Direct	0.00	0.00
Indirect	639.14	383.66
TOTAL:	70,421.66	70,365.72
REVENUE:	34,056.52	116,235.28

Amendment # 1

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SENATE BILL NO. 52

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Introduced: 1/23/01
Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

*** Section 1.** AS 08.03.010(c)(16) is amended to read:

(16) State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board (AS 08.84.010) -- June 30, 2007 [2001];

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2000 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 52
Amendment	#1
Motion	adopt
Motion by	Donley
Objection by	none
Removed	
Second Objection by	

Committee Member	Y	***Vote***	N
Senator Green			
Senator Hoffman			
Senator Leman			
Senator Olson			
Senator Ward			
Senator Wilken			
Senator Austerman			
Co-Chair Donley			
Co-Chair Kelly			
Tally			
Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
MOTION	Pass		

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delete: 2007

insert: 2005

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational**
2 **Therapy Board."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 08.03.010(c)(16) is amended to read:
5 (16) State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board
6 (AS 08.84.010) -- June 30, <u>2005</u> [2001]; amend.#1

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Senate Bill 52 — **"An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board."**

Sponsor: — **Senate Rules Committee at the Request of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee**

Sponsor Statement

Under AS 08.84.010 the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board regulates the professions of physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants and the practice of physical therapy and the practice of occupational therapy by ensuring that the requirements laid out for licensure are met and adhered to.

The Board consists of 7 members appointed by the governor having the qualifications as set out in AS 08.84.010. Board membership is prescribed by statute as having one physician, three physical therapists or two physical therapists and a physical therapy assistant, two occupational therapists or an occupational therapist and occupational therapists assistant, and one lay person with no direct financial interest in the health care industry.

The regulation and licensing of qualified physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants safeguards the public by ensuring the competence and integrity of those who represent themselves as being registered physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants.

The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board is set to expire June 30, 2001 under AS 08.03.010(c)(1), Termination of State Boards and Commissions. If the Legislature does not act to extend the Board, it would have one year, until June 30, 2002 to administratively conclude its affairs. Senate Bill 52 will extend the Board for another six years to June 30, 2007.

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February 5, 2001

Dear Senator Gene Therriault.

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 52. "An Act extending the termination of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board" for the next seven years. I support the bill as written today.

Sincerely,

Denise W Lewis, PT

Denise W. Lewis PT

Patricia McAdoo, PT, M.Ed, CHES
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2 February 2001

Senator Gene Therriault
Room 121
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Therriault:

I am a licensed physical therapist and have read Senate Bill 52. I strongly support this legislation.

As a past president of the Alaska Physical Therapy Association, I have followed the Physical Therapy Practice Act very closely since my initial licensure in 1982. There have been no major changes to the legislation since occupational therapists were licensed in the late 1980's. It would be very cost effective for the State to extend the time between legislative reviews as any technical changes can be handled through the regulatory process..

Thank you for your support of the profession of physical therapy and your commitment to safe and cost effective government. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 907-333-1378.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia McAdoo

February 1, 2001

TO: Senator Gene Therrialt
FAX: (907) 465-3884

Dear Senator Therrialt,

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 52 "An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical and Occupational Therapy Board," extending the board for seven (7) years. I support the bill as it is written today.

Sincerely,

Marcia Everson, PT

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Rebecca Byerley, P.T.
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February 2, 2001

Dear Senator Gene Therriault,

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 52 'An Act extending the termination of the State Physical Therapy and Occupation Therapy Board' for the next 7 years. I support the bill as it is written today.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Byerley, P.T

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February 2, 2001

Senator Gene Therriault
Alaska State Senate
Juneau, AK

Dear Senator Therriault:

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 52, "An Act extending the termination of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board" for the next seven years. We support the Act as written today.

Sincerely,

Jean McCarthy, PT

Gary McCarthy, PT

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Fax Cover Sheet

To: Senator Gene Therriault

From: Joy Backstrum, PT

Regarding: Senate Bill 52

Date: 2-02-01

Dear Senator Gene Therriault,

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 52 "An Act extending the termination of the state Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board" for the next 7 years. I am in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Joy Back

Joy Backstrum, PT

Karen Northrop, M.S., P.T.
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Homer, AK 99603

1 February 2001

Dear Senator Gene Therriault,

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 52 "An Act extending the termination of the State Physical and Occupational Therapy Board" for the next seven years. I support the bill as it is written today.

Sincerely,

Karen Northrop MS P.T.

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ALASKA PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION, INC.

A CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
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PHONE (907) 566-3749

January 26, 2001

Dear Senator Gene Therriault,

The Alaska Physical Therapy Association appreciates you introducing Senate Bill 52 "An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board." We support the bill as it is written today. The Alaska Physical Therapy Association represents 71% of the states Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants with 205 members. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Karen Grafton MSPT

Karen Grafton M.S.P.T.

American
Physical Therapy
Association

October 20, 2000

Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 of the Alaska Statutes, the attached report is submitted for your review.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STATE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD
SUNSET REVIEW

October 20, 2000

Audit Control Number

08-20004-00

The objective of the audit was to determine if the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board's statutory termination date should be extended. Currently, under AS 08.03.010(c)(16) the board terminates on June 30, 2001. As of July 1, 2001, the board will begin its one-year "wrap up" period and, if no action is taken by the legislature, the board will be dissolved at June 30, 2002. We recommend that the legislature extend the board until June 30, 2007.

In the Report Conclusions section of this report, we note this extension period is beyond the standard suggested in statute. Our primary reason for recommending the longer extension date is to better balance the number of boards subject to sunset legislative hearings in any given year.

The audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Fieldwork procedures utilized in the course of developing the findings and discussion presented in this report are discussed in the Objectives, Scope, and Methodology section of this report.

Pat Davidson, CPA
Legislative Auditor

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OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

In accordance with the intent of Titles 24 and 44 of Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), we have reviewed the activities of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board to determine if the board's termination date, as set out in statute, should be extended.

As required by statute, the legislative committee of reference is to consider this report as part of the oversight process in determining whether this board should be reestablished. The law currently specifies that the board will terminate on June 30, 2001, and will have one year from that date to conclude its affairs.

Objectives

Given the context as discussed above, the objectives of our review are twofold:

1. To determine if the termination date of the board should be extended.
2. To determine if the board is operating in the public's interest and determine if the board has exercised appropriate control over licensed physical and occupational therapists.

The assessment of the operations and performance of the board was based on criteria set out in AS 44.66.050(c). Criteria set out in this statute relate to the determination of a demonstrated public need for the board.

Scope and Methodology

Another auditor at our direction and supervision conducted a majority of this review. We followed professional standards to determine that the other auditor was independent and that their work was competent and sufficient.

During the course of our examination, we reviewed and evaluated the following:

1. Applicable statutes and regulations.
2. Interviews with Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing.
3. Licensing files.
4. Investigation files.
5. Annual reports of the board's activities.
6. Minutes of the board's meetings.
7. Division of Occupational Licensing policy and procedures manual.
8. Contents of the board's correspondence files.
9. Other relevant documents.

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The State Physical Therapy Board was established in 1974. In 1987 its scope and authority was expanded to the licensing and oversight of practitioners of occupational therapy. Accordingly, the board was renamed the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board.

The current board is comprised of seven members: three physical therapists, two occupational therapists, one physician, and one public member.

Alaska Statute also requires that the public member of the board have no direct financial interest in the health care industry. Board members are appointed by the governor and serve staggered terms of four years.

Alaska Statute 08.84.010 establishes the powers of the board. They include:

State Physical Therapy And Occupational Therapy Board
as of October 1, 2000

Professional Members

Ann P. Matson, Chair. Occupational Therapist
Dee Berline, Occupational Therapist
Sundi M. Hondl, Physical Therapist
Leslie F. Schwartz, Physical Therapist
Lawrence W. Seethaler, Physical Therapist
Cary S. Keller, M.D., Physician

Public Member

JoAnne Bell-Graves, Public Member

1. Examining qualified applicants.

2. Suspending, revoking, or refusing to issue or renew a license.

3. Issuing permits to license physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants who meet standards of education and training determined to be necessary by the board.

Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing

The Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing provides administrative and investigative assistance to the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board. Administrative assistance includes budgetary services and functions such as collecting fees, maintaining files, receiving and issuing application forms, and publishing notices of examinations and meetings.

Alaska Statute 08.01.065 mandates the department, with the concurrence of the board, adopt regulations to establish the amount and manner of payment of fees for applications, examinations, licenses, registration, permits, investigations, and all other fees as appropriate for the occupations covered by the statute.

Alaska Statute 08.01.087 empowers the Division of Occupational Licensing with the authority to conduct an investigation on its own initiative or in response to a complaint.

REPORT CONCLUSIONS

In our opinion, the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board is operating in an efficient and effective manner and should continue to regulate physical and occupational therapists. We believe the board is safeguarding the public interest by promoting the competence and integrity of those who hold themselves out to the public as qualified and competent physical therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapy assistants, and occupational therapy assistants.

The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board serves a public purpose and has demonstrated an ability to conduct its business in a satisfactory manner. The board continues to propose changes to regulations to improve the effectiveness of the board and ensure that physical therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapy assistants, and occupational therapy assistants are licensed in the State of Alaska.

Alaska Statute 08.03.010(c)(16) requires the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board be terminated on June 30, 2001. Under AS 08.03.020, the board has a one-year period to administratively conclude its affairs.

Alaska Statute 08.03.020(c) provides that a "*board may be continued or reestablished by the legislature for a period not to exceed four years unless the board is continued or reestablished for a longer period* .."[Emphasis added.] The operations of the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board have presented very few concerns or areas needing improvement. Accordingly, we recommend the legislature extend the board's termination date for a six-year period to June 30, 2007.

ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC NEED

The following analysis of board activities relate to the "public need factors" set out in the "sunset" review law, AS 44.66.050. The ***italicized, shaded, and bold face phrases*** are taken from AS 44.66.050 (c) (1) – (9). These analyses are not intended to be comprehensive, but address those areas we were able to cover within the scope of our review.

Determine the extent to which the board, commissions, or program has operated in the public interest.

The board, through its administration of the licensure of physical therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapy assistants, and occupational therapy assistants, has endeavored to present competent professionals to the public. Proof of continuing professional education is required for license renewal to promote continued competence. Licensees are required to publicly display their licenses. This notifies the public that their practitioner has met the standards for the issuance and renewal of their licenses.

The board has served the public through its examination and licensing of qualified applicants. The board adopted or revised regulations regarding professional conduct and ethical standards,[1] regulations governing licensure and education requirements, enforced the laws for issuing licenses in a uniform manner, held meetings, and administered examinations in accordance with statutory requirements.

Determine the extent to which the operations of the board, commission, or agency program has been impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, procedures, and practices, which it has adopted, and any other matter, including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters.

In 1998, legislation was adopted requiring that foreign trained physical therapists and physical therapist assistants pass a test of English language proficiency. Previous legislation required that applicants who have graduated from a university outside of the United States take an oral English proficiency exam only at the board's discretion. This amendment to state statutes ensures uniform enforcement and licensure of foreign trained applicants.

The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board has been active in the providing information to the public, professional and state societies and associations. A member of the board attends every state association meeting to act as an ambassador to the association.

Annual reports for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000 were submitted in a timely manner to the Division of Occupational Licensing.

[1]State Regulation 12 AAC 54.500(c) requires that the profession maintain a high standard of integrity. The regulations go on to state that physical therapists and physical therapy assistants must adhere to the ethical standards set out in the Code of Ethics, as amended June 1991, American Physical Therapy Association, and the Guide for Professional Conduct, as amended January 1996, American Physical Therapy Association. In the view of the board, adherence to such standards better promotes the health and welfare of the public.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes that are generally of benefit to the public interest.

The board supported legislation, which was introduced in 1997 that requires foreign trained physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to pass a test of English language proficiency. The legislation was adopted by the legislature in 1998.

Further legislation was introduced in 1997 to adopt physical therapy standards, rules for professional conduct, and a code of ethics among physical therapist. These standards were adopted, in 1998, from a national association of physical therapists, the American Physical Therapy Association.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission or agency has encouraged interested persons to report to it concerning the effect of its regulations and decisions on the effectiveness of services, economy of service, and availability of services that it has provided.

The location, date and time of upcoming board meetings and notices of proposed changes in regulations are published in the *Anchorage Daily News*, the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*, and the *Juneau Empire*.

The board's meeting agenda sets aside adequate time to take public comment. Minutes of the board meetings reflect public participation throughout the meeting. Proposed regulations are often circulated to those affected by the proposed regulations through professional trade journals, public notice advertisement, or direct mail correspondence from the Division of Occupational Licensing.

Determine the extent to which the board has encouraged public participation in the making of its regulations and decisions.

Public notices of proposed regulations are published in major newspapers, as previously discussed. Meetings are adequately advertised, and time set aside for public testimony.

Major proposed regulation changes were circulated through the professional community by either direct response mailing to the affected license holders, or providing the proposed changes to the state associations for publication in member newsletters. Feedback resulted in changes to the proposed regulations addressing the profession's concerns.

Determine the efficiency with which public inquiries or complaints regarding the activities of the board, commission, or agency filed with it, with the department to which a board or commission is administratively assigned, or with the office of the ombudsman have been processed and resolved;

During the past three fiscal years (FY 98 – FY 00), the Division of Occupational Licensing received 17 complaints concerning individuals licensed by the board. Of these 17 complaints, the division has completed 12 investigations as of the date of our audit fieldwork.

Five of these 12 cases were resolved by the board through the issuance of a written reprimand, all cases involved individuals practicing with a lapsed license.

The remaining 7 cases were resolved by the division through the issuance of warning letters (3), findings of no violation (3), and 1 case which was administratively closed. No licenses were revoked, suspended, or placed in probationary status.

Determine the extent to which the board regulates entry into an occupation or profession and whether it has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.

Listed below is a summary of new licenses and permits issued by the board for the period under review.

New Licenses and Permits Issued (Exclusive of Renewals)	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	Total	Current as of June 30, 2000
Physical Therapists	47	45	50	142	342
Physical Therapy Assistants	7	7	5	19	30
Occupational Therapists	15	22	17	54	153
Occupational Therapy Assistants	-0-	2	5	7	10
Temporary Permits	36	41	44	121	-
Limited Permits	15	4	8	27	-

Overall the application process for licensing appears reasonable and appropriate. The licensing process is neither unduly restrictive nor too lax. Continuing education is required and adequately monitored by the board to promote a high level of quality performance and to help ensure the integrity of the profession.

Each applicant is required to satisfy the requirements for licensing. Board meeting minutes reflect that the board considers each application and verifies the licensing requirements are satisfied prior to issuing a license.

Determine the extent to which state personnel practices, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.

The Office of the Ombudsman received no complaints regarding the Division of Occupational Licensing or any of the related licensing boards. We did not find any evidence that the board was not complying with the state personnel practices, including affirmative action in qualifying applicants. In no instances has the board denied an applicant a license based on personal attributes.

Determine the extent to which statutory, regulatory, budgeting or other changes are necessary to enable the board to better serve the interest of the public and to comply with the factors enumerated in this subsection.

The board continues to recognize the need to evaluate the Americans with Disabilities Act, to determine its impact on the profession. The board will consider whether any statutory or regulatory changes are needed to ensure compliance.

November 22, 2000

Legislative Budget and Audit Committee
Division of Legislative Audit
PO Box 113300
Juneau, AK 99811-3300

Dear Ms. Davidson,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Audit Report (#08-20004-00). We concur with the report and support the continuation of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board, through June 30, 2007.

Sincerely,

Catherine Reardon
Director

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

SB 52-TERMINATION OF STATE PHYS THERAPY BOARD

NAME: Catherine Reardon Subject/Bill No: SB 52

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Do you wish to testify? X Yes ___No ___Respond To Questions

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Address: ___ Zip: ___

Do you wish to testify? ___Yes ___No X Respond To Questions

NAME: ___ Subject/Bill No: ___

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Do you wish to testify? ___Yes ___No ___Respond To Questions