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TO: Representative Kito, Chair, House Labor & Commerce Committee

FROM: Representative Westlake 

DATE: March 28, 2017

RE: Hearing Request for HB 145 MASSAGE THERAPISTS: CRIMINAL
BACKGROUND CHECKS

Dear Mr. Chair:

I humbly request that you hear HB 145 in the House Labor & Commerce Committee at your earliest convenience. Attached is a bill packet that contains the following:

- 1) HB 145 ver A
- 2) HB 145 Sponsor Statement

Staff contact in my office for this bill will be Forrest Wolfe, who can be reached at (907) 465-6835 or forrest.wolfe@akleg.gov.

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Sponsor Statement

HB 145 Massage Therapy: Criminal History Checks

House Bill 145 is intended to streamline and expedite the license renewal process for massage therapists. HB 145 removes the fingerprinting requirement for massage therapists applying for a license renewal. All applicants for new licenses are required to undergo fingerprinting for background checks, and this will remain in place. However, the process is often cumbersome, time consuming, and in some cases expensive due to travel costs. It is unnecessary to place this burden on massage therapists every time they apply for a renewal, which they must do every two years.

Please join me in removing this redundant process from the licensing requirements for massage therapists. I urge your support of HB 145.

For any questions on HB 138, please contact my staff Forrest Wolfe at 465.6835 or forrest.wolfe@akleg.gov