



AK PT/OT Board - Legislative Committee Mtg - March 14, 2024 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Mar 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM AKDT

@ Juneau - Zoom

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Members:

Tina McLean

Enlow Walker

The Legislative Committee for the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board was called to order on Thursday, March 14, 2024 by Tina McLean at 9:00 am. Roll call done by Tina McLean.

Committee members: Enlow Walker and Tina McLean both present.

Staff present: Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator 1 and Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner.

Guest: LeeAnne Carrothers, State/Federal Government Affairs Liaison, APTA Alaska

2. Review/Approve Agenda

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Agenda accepted as written.

3. Public Comment

No public members connected to give public testimony.

4. Action Items

Bill Status:

[HB137](#) / [SB74](#) + [HB85](#) -->House Finance

- PHY Letter of Support filed 09-07-2023

[SB83](#) -->Senate Finance

- PHY Letter of Support filed 09-07-2023

[HB314](#)/[SB225](#) - Occupational Licensing Fees

- Introduced 2/12/2024
- Referred to Senate Labor and Commerce | House Labor and Commerce
- PHY letter of support filed 02-20-2024
- SB225 - Senate Labor & Commerce Hearing 3/15/2024 1:30 pm

[HB336](#) - Athletic Trainer Scope of Practice Bill

- Introduced 02/20/2024.

Bills above not scheduled in committee - March 11 - March 14

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 [SB74 HB137 PHY letter of support 09-07-2023 final.pdf](#)

 [HB85 PHY letter of support 09-07-2023 final.pdf](#)

 [SB83 PHY letter of support 09-07-2023 final.pdf](#)

 [HB314 SB225 PHY letter of support 02-16-2024 final.pdf](#)

 [HB0336A.pdf](#)

 [APTA Alaska letter re HB 336.pdf](#)

Briefly discussed status of [HB137/SB74](#) - PT Compact Licensure bills - no current movement of bills. PHY Board Letters of support on record. Letter of Inquiry for current House committee(s) to prompt bill to be considered for passage this session to be drafted for review at next committee meeting on March 28, 2024 and added to April 4, 2024 Board meeting for approval.

[SB225](#) - Occupational Licensing Fees (investigative costs) scheduled for hearing Friday, March 15 at 1:30 pm. Committee determined no reason to connect for public testimony at hearing as PHY Board Letter of Support on record.

[HB336](#) discussed. Concern that bill language is seeking to remove "athlete" and replace with "individual" and add "diagnosis" to scope of practice. NATA/BOC national push to upgrade Athletic Trainers scope of practice as allied health professionals. It is said most licensed ATs in AK are cross credentialed PTs + PAs and only 15 are full-time practicing Athletic Trainers in the state. Educational background and current curriculum/accreditation standards for athletic trainers briefly discussed. Committee Action - draft letter of concern/opposition to bill as currently written for review at next committee meeting on March 28, 2024.

HB336 to be added to agenda for April 4, 2024 Board meeting for discussion, designation of board member(s) to testify, and consideration of approved draft from March 28, 2024 committee meeting.

5. Next Steps

- Tina McLean to draft Letter of Inquiry for HB137/SB74 - PT Compact Licensure bills for review at next committee meeting on March 28, 2024.
- Tina McLean to draft Letter of Concern/Opposition for HB336 - Athletic Trainer Scope of Practice bill for review at next committee meeting on March 28, 2024.
- Staff to add HB336 to agenda for April 4, 2024 Board meeting for discussion, designation of board member(s) to testify, and consideration of approved draft from March 28, 2024 committee meeting.
- Staff to add approved draft from March 28, 2024 committee meeting for Letter of Inquiry for HB137/SB74 to agenda for April 4, 2024 Board meeting for consideration.

6. Adjourn

The Legislative Committee for the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board was adjourned at 10:02 am on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Next committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Minutes approved by committee 03/28/2024.