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Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair Representative Joe Bertram III. Vice Chair Committee on Higher Education Twenty-fourth Legislature State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: In support of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 314

Dear Representative Chang, Representative Bertram and Committee on Higher Education:

I am a member of the Board of Directors of Easter Seals Hawaii. I am writing in strong support of HCR 314 urging the University of Hawaii to establish and administer a rehabilitative and related services graduate school loan program within its Center on Disability Studies.

Early intervention services assist children between birth and age three reach age appropriate developmental skills and aid families in achieving their goals for their children. Easter Seals Hawaii has provided early intervention services for over 60 years, utilizing physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, and special educators. One of the major challenges in providing these types of services is the limited number of qualified physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speechlanguage pathologists available in Hawaii. The pool of therapists with the highest professional standards must be increased.

I support this HCR as it will raise awareness of the need to improve opportunities for students to earn graduate degrees in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speechlanguage pathology, or school psychology and return to Hawaii to work. It will also focus attention on the need to increase the number of available therapists to serve Hawaii's children and adults with developmental delays or disabilities.

I ask you to support HCR 314.

Sincerely.

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- Establishing innovative programs to improve and support retention of nurses in both acute and long term care (leadership training programs for acute care and preceptor development in long term care).
- Obtaining grant funding to support additional initiatives (Robert Wood Johnson Partners in Nursing grant with HMSA Foundation).
- Initiating research projects such as the RN turnover survey on generational differences and the 5 year longitudinal study on new graduate RNs.
- Partnering with nurses from throughout the state along with business, philanthropy and government to generate collaborative solutions.

The Center will increase its efforts to involve an every widening array of stakeholders from all islands and sectors of healthcare in its mission and activities. Nurses working in partnership with others can build a strong nursing workforce for the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Kathryn Raethel President, AONE Hawaii Chapter

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Dear Representative Chang, Representative Bertram and Committee on Higher Education:

On behalf of Easter Seals Hawaii and the thousands of families we have served over the past 62 years of our existence in the state, I am submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HCR 314 urging the University of Hawaii to establish and administer a rehabilitative and related services graduate school loan program within its Center on Disability Studies.

Early Intervention services are mandated by federal law and waiting lists are not permitted – all identified infants/toddlers and families must be served within mandated timelines. The Department of Health (DOH) contracts private providers such as Easter Seals Hawaii to provide special educators and social workers. One of the major challenges in providing these types of services is the limited number of qualified professionals available in Hawaii. The pool of therapists with the highest professional standards must be increased.

There are currently no graduate programs in physical therapy or occupational therapy in the State and although the University of Hawaii does maintain a graduate degree program in speech and audiology, the program is currently in jeopardy of losing its accreditation this summer.

HCR 314 will raise awareness of the need to improve opportunities for students to earn graduate degrees in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, or school psychology <u>and</u> return to Hawaii to work. It will also focus attention on the need to increase the number of available therapists to serve Hawaii's children and adults with developmental delays or disabilities.

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Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in *STRONG SUPPORT* of HCR 314. I can be reached at 536-1015, for further questions or comments.

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I am the parent of a child with Apert's Syndrome . I am writing in strong support of HCR 314 urging the University of Hawaii to establish and administer a rehabilitative and related services graduate school loan program within its Center on Disability Studies.

My child received early intervention services through Easter Seals Hawaii since she was two months old. She was delayed across the board...with 6 surgeries prior to her third birthday. Easter Seals provided services by physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, and special educators for her multiple delays. Our goal was fulfilled when the DOE graduated Maile out of Special Education by Kindergarten... Thanks to the help of the Early Intervention Team of therapist who supported my child's development at Easter Seals

I support this HCR as it will raise awareness of the need to improve opportunities for students to earn graduate degrees in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, or school psychology and return to Hawaii to work. It will also focus attention on the need to increase the number of available therapists to serve Hawaii's children and adults with developmental delays or disabilities.

I ask you to support HCR 314.

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