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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 814 HD 2

Senate Committee on Health

Date: March 16, 2009

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Report Title: Nurse Aide Certification

Description: Specifies the renewal period for the recertification of certified nurse aides and the number of continuing education hours for their recertification.

To: Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Honorable Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health

From: Patrick Koh, Board Member Alliance of Residential Care-Home Administrators (ARCA)

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Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to express my strong support.

I strongly support the intent of this bill to recertify certified nurse aides through continuing education hours. Certified nurse aides play an integral role in providing quality health care services and helping to keep the cost of long term care affordable and available for Hawai'i's families. This clarification in training and recertification will ultimately benefit individuals who are in the care of certified nurse aides that work in nursing facilities participating in Medicare and Medicaid programs and in other state-licensed and state-certified health care settings.

Your support of this bill is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Patrick Koh

Board Member
Alliance of Residential Care-Home Administrators (ARCA)