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S.B. 517 – RELATING TO
HEALTH CARE
PROFESSIONALS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 517. The bill allows nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants who provide the actual care to sign certain medical certification forms for their patients applicable to the care provided within each practitioner's scope of practice.

The proposed legislation will allow these health care professionals to expedite the processing of paperwork and provide optimal care at the first point of access for their patients, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 517.

Respectfully submitted,

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