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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1847 HD1  
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING**

by  
**Clayton A. Frank, Director**  
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**COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**  
Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair  
Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 2:05 pm  
State Capitol, Room 325

Representative Herkes and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety supports House Bill 1847 HD1 as it pertains to Advance Practice Registered Nurses having the authority to administer and prescribe controlled substances. Over the past few years the Department's Narcotics Enforcement Division has worked very closely with the nursing board in developing laws and rules relating to Advance Practice Registered Nurses with Prescriptive Authority being able to administer and prescribe controlled substances. The language being proposed in House Bill 1847 HD1 will help accomplish this goal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2010

Wednesday, February 17, 2010  
2:05 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1847, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF  
NURSING.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT N. HERKES, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Kathy Yokouchi and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). On behalf of the Board, I thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of House Bill No. 1847, H.D.1, Relating to the Practice of Nursing.

This bill defines the practice of nursing; directs the Board to adopt certain provisions of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing ("NCSBN") Model Nursing Practice Act ("MNPA") and Model Nursing Administrative Rules ("MNAR"); delineates the scope of practice for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses; and repeals Hawaii Administrative Rules relating to prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses.

The Board is in support of House Bill No. 1847, H.D. 1 because:

- Section 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes contains only two paragraphs on the practice of nursing as a registered nurse and a practical nurse;
- The demand from the health care community for further clarification of registered and practical nursing scope of practice has grown over the years;
- The guidelines for advanced practice registered nurses practice are consistent with Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, Act 169 (Sections 457-8.5 and 457-9);

- The purpose of the MNPA and MNAR is to provide uniform national guidelines relating to nursing practice for all state boards of nursing in the United States and its territories. Consumers benefit when nurses provide uniform nursing care;
- The MNPA and MNAR were approved by the Delegate Assembly of the NCSBN in 2006. The boards of nursing of the fifty states and the U.S. territories form the Delegate Assembly of the NCSBN;
- All amendments to the MNPA and MNAR require the approval of the Delegate Assembly;
- The adoption of the MNPA and MNAR does not give the NCSBN any legal authority in the State, over the Board, the nurse licensees, entity or person of the State;
- The Board worked with the Department of Health, Department of Human Services; the Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses; the Hawaii Long Term Care Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; the schools of nursing under the University of Hawaii system; Hawaii Pacific University; and the University of Phoenix; and stakeholders in the health care community before deciding to adopt the MNPA and MNAR. All stakeholders reviewed and commented on how the adoption of MNPA and MNAR would impact their areas;
- General consensus to adopt the MNPA and MNAR was formed among the stakeholders; and
- As the NCSBN amends the MNPA and the MNAR, the Board will study all changes in the context of Hawaii's nursing laws. If the Board determines that any of the changes conflict with existing state statutes, regulations, or constitutional law or are inappropriate to Hawaii, the Board will list these

exceptions in the Board's policy book and make them available to the public until it is able to incorporate the exceptions into its rules.

For these reasons, the Board of Nursing strongly supports passage of House Bill No. 1847, H.D.1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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## Legislative Testimony

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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
February 17, 2010, 2:05 p.m.

by

Virginia S. Hinshaw, Chancellor

and

Mary G. Boland, DrPH, RN, FAAN

Dean and Professor

School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene

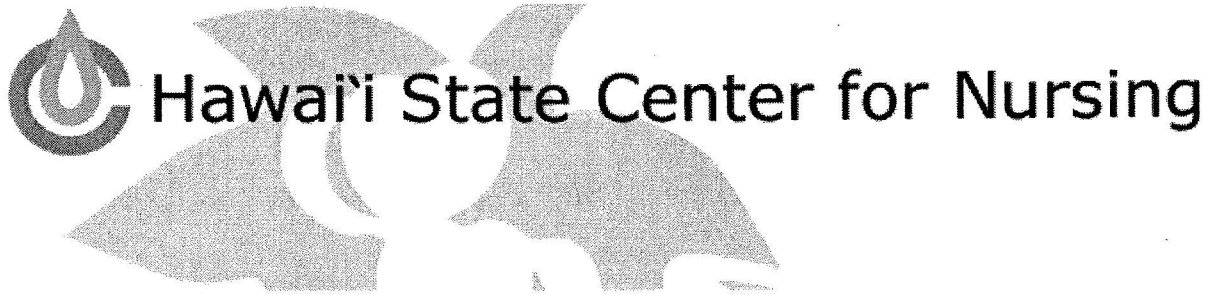
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 1847 HD1 RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1847 HD1 updating Hawai'i Revised Statutes to adopt the provisions of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) relating to the scope and standards of nursing practice.

We support this bill to update the nursing practice scope and standards with the NCSBN model. By applying the model in Hawai'i, we will be aligned with the nation's direction in nursing and healthcare, and advance the recent Hawai'i legislative changes to support advanced practice registered nursing in Hawai'i.

We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
February 17, 2010, 2:05 p.m.

By  
Gail P. Tiwanak RN, MBA  
Director  
Hawaii State Center for Nursing

#### HB 1847 HD1 RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1847 HD1 updating Hawaii Revised Statutes to adopt the provisions of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) relating to the scope and standards of nursing practice.

We support this bill to update the nursing practice scope and standards with the NCSBN model. By applying the model in Hawaii, we will be aligned with the nation's direction in nursing and healthcare, and advance the recent Hawaii legislative changes to support advanced practice registered nursing in Hawaii.

We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to testify

**wakai2-Daniel**

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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

**Comments:**

Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses supports House Bill 1847 HD 1. Please pass this important legislation which will revise Hawai'i's Nurse Practice Act to reflect the evolution of nursing practice and education as well as health policy.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

**Comments:**

As the AANP region 9 director and as an APRN primary care provider, I speak in support of this bill. It will advance the implementation of Act 169 and increase access to care for Hawaii's people. It will also update definitions and align us with current NCSBN model for nursing. Mahalo for your support.



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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

TO:

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER  
PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Rep. Robert N. Herkes, Chair  
Rep. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Hearing

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2010

TIME: 2:05 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 325  
State Capitol

FROM: Dr. Linda Beechinor,  
Registered Nurse (RN)  
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP),  
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with Prescriptive Authority  
(APRN-Rx),  
Faculty, Graduate Nursing Programs, several U.S. Universities,  
Primary Care Provider (PCP) at a community health center - Oahu

Re: HB 1847, HD 1 Relating to the Practice of Nursing

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in strong support of this bill.

This bill is based on a great deal of work by the legislature, the Board of Nursing, and the broader community. It is intended to align our Nurse Practice Act in Hawaii with national scope and standards of practice, without compromising the power within the state of Hawaii to examine and change those in the best interest of our community.

Please call on me for further information at anytime.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

**Comments:**

Please support in order to assist qualified individuals to practice the most effective care on Oahu and especially the Neighbor Islands.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

**Comments:**

I am writing to ask you to support HB 1847 regarding the NCSBN Model Act rules adoption for the state of Hawaii. This is a good piece of legislation and will forward the work that nurses are able to do throughout the state. Empowering our nurses to do their jobs better will provide for better health care for all residents of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2010

**Comments:**

This bill is excellent health care reform. It will benefit patients state-wide by improving access to care and it doesn't cost the State anything. It supports Act 169, passed last session while speeding up the process of implementation of that Act. All the stakeholders worked on this bill to mold it into a bill that benefits the State. It will align our State with the national trend toward the Interstate Compact Act which will recognize nurses licenses in the States which comprise the Compact. This will help bring more nurses to Hawai'i, and ease our nursing shortage. I STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill and urge you to pass it out of Committee. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

Wailua Brandmana APRN-Rx BC

President, Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses Member, APRN Advisory Committee to the Board of Nursing O'ahu Director-at-Large, American Psychiatric Nurses Association Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

**Comments:**

Please pass HB 1847 HD 1. This important piece of legislation reflects the advancement of not only health policy but also nursing education and practice.

Yvonne Geesey  
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Hawai'i State Representative

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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

### Comments:

I have lived in Hawaii on the BI for >20 years, and have been a registered nurse since 1983. I currently work for HHSC in Pahala where I work as a nurse practitioner board certified in both family and geriatrics. In the 7 years I have worked in Pahala (before that I worked at Hilo Medical Center as a staff nurse) I have worked with over 12 different physician level providers -- this constant turn over is not only difficult for patients and all staff involved in the Kau hospital RHC, but at times it has made it almost impossible for me to deliver care due to the restraints from maintaining a collegial agreement and having no options with controlled substances.

I would ask for your support in removing barriers to delivering care to my patients in Pahala. Indeed I would ask for your support in lifting barriers so that Nurse Practitioners may practice unencumbered and support our communities here in Hawaii.

Mahalo for moving Hawaii forward in healthcare Debra Kettleson MSN, APRN Family Practice, Board Certified Geriatrics, Board Certified

February 12, 2010

Hawaii House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
Attn: Representative Robert Herkes, Chair  
RE: Support for HB 1847

Dear House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee,

I am a practicing, part-time Family Nurse Practitioner and nursing faculty member at UH Hilo and wish to submit testimony as an individual.

**I fully support HB 1847.** Recognition of the expertise of APRN's and the important role they play in ensuring access to care for Hawaii's people is truly important at this time. National and local statistics support the fact that APRN's provide safe, effective, cost effective services and help in combating the rising rate of health problems in Hawaii's people.

With a proven track record of safe, responsible practice, APRN's can and should be regulated by its own professional board, the Hawaii BON (Board of Nursing,) rather than by a non-nursing entity that cannot fully appreciate the integral details of professional advanced nursing practice. Using the support from national resources such as the NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing) can only enhance the efficiency of the Hawaii BON and strengthen Hawaii's regulations governing nursing practice.

HB 1847 is good for Hawaii's people. I fully support its passage.

Aloha, Cecilia Mukai



Cecilia Mukai, PhD, APRN, FNPC  
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Re: Support for HB 1847 regarding Nursing Practice



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### Comments:

Legislators,

It is important that we pass this bill so that the language from the board of nursing describing the roles of APRNS can be equivalent to Act 169 which was passed into law in 2009 but has not been activated because of the discrepancies with the current language that delineates nursing scope of practice of the APRN. The language needs to be changed in describing the roles of all disciplines of nurses to bring Hawaii's Nursing Practice more current to the National Standards. Hawaii needs to provide legislative leadership to establish healthcare standards and to advocate for access to high-quality healthcare. In order to do so, we need to change the existing antiquated language to match Act 169 and stop the barricades that are preventing the public from accessing nursing care at the level that meets the standard provisions set by the National Councils of State Boards of Nursing Model Nursing Practice Act and Model Nursing Administrative Rules relating to the scope and practice of all levels of nursing, LPNs, RNs, APRNs

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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

**Comments:**

I support HB 1847. It will streamline care and attract advanced practice nurses to Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2010

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 1847, the bill that removes the Collegial Relationship between the APRN-RX and MDs. Passing HB 1847 removes a complicated antiquated system that hampers practice and service to people in need of medical and psychiatric care. I speak from many years of practice as a state employee providing psychiatric care to those with seriously mental illness (SMI). I have provided medication management (prescriptions) and therapy to hundreds of our island's SMI population, so I understand the implications of supporting HB 1847. I totally SUPPORT HB 1847. I ask that you do too.

Sincerely,  
An active voter,  
Tammy Wheeler, APRN-RX  
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse  
Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist - Board Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner