

THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Tuesday, February 9, 2010
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In SUPPORT of HOUSE BILL NO. 1847
Relating to the Practice of Nursing

TO: THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR,
THE HONORABLE SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

My name is Amy Stone Murai and I testify in strong support of HB 1847. I have been a registered nurse for 35 years, an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) for 33 years, and have been licensed in the State of Hawaii since 1989. I am a member of the Board of Nursing (Board), but provide this testimony as an individual.

The purpose of HB 1847 is multifold:

- To augment and update the meager definitions for the practice of nursing at the LPN, RN, and APRN levels that exist in the current Statute;
- To align Hawaii's LPN, RN, and APRN Scopes of Practice with models adopted by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and approved by representatives of state and territorial boards of nursing at its annual meeting;
- To align with and facilitate the implementation of Act 169 related to APRN practice that was signed into law in 2009;
- To provide the public, who are employers and consumers of nursing services, with greater clarity on the roles and responsibilities of nurses in our state; and
- To establish uniformity and facilitate implementation of interstate licensure of nurses should the Board determine that to do so would be in the best interest of the citizens of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1847, relating to the practice of nursing. I thank the committee for their consideration and regret that I am not able to be there in person to respond to any questions.

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Defines the practice of nursing; directs the state board of nursing to adopt certain provisions of the NCSBN Model Nursing Practice Act and Model Nursing Administrative Rules; delineates the scope of practice for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses; repeals Hawaii Administrative Rules relating to prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses.

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If you don't stand for something, you will fall for everything

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Please pass HB1847.

Licensed prescribing health care providers such as APRNs are joining the brain drain and exodus of professionals from Hawaii, due to the antiquated rules that restrict our ability to serve patients, especially those on Medicaid and Medicare.

Thanking you in advance,
O au me ka ha`a ha`a (I am humbly yours),

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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

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