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**Conference Room 325**

**The House Committee on Consumer Protection**

To: Representative Robert Herkes, Chair  
Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone, RN MBA  
Chief Nurse Executive – Hawai'i Pacific Health  
Chief Operating Office – Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: **Testimony in Support of HB 2205 HD1 Relating to Continuing Education for Nurses**

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state. Learn more at: <http://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org>

I am writing in support of HB 2205 which requires nurses licensed in the State of Hawaii to complete 15 hours of continuing education during each two year license period as a requirement for license renewal. HPH is working with the Board of Nursing, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and other stakeholders on the matter of continuing education. Together we plan to craft a continuing education program which will benefit all nurses and improve the level of nurse competency and healthcare in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2205, HD1 and for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of it.



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