

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2009

Tuesday, March 3, 2009
3:00 p.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON H.B. NO. 1378, H.D. 1, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

TO THE HONORABLE MARCUS R. OSHIRO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on H.B. 1378, H.D 1, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. The purpose of this bill is to increase access to health care by requiring insurers, mutual and fraternal benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to recognize advanced practice registered nurses ("APRN") as primary care providers. This measure also increases APRN signature and prescriptive authorities.

The Hawaii Medical Board ("Board") has not had the opportunity to review this bill but will be discussing it at the next Board meeting on March 13, 2009. Therefore, although the Board is not able to take a position at this time it will be able to offer comments at subsequent hearings.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this
bill.