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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2031
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

by
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Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair
February 1, 2010; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Senator Espero, Senator Bunda, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **opposes** Senate Bill 2031. As written, this measure is too broad and some of the language and definitions provided are not clear. At present, PSD has case managers (Social Workers, Human Services Professionals, and Clinical Psychologist) working in various divisions within the Department such as Intake Service Center Division, Institution's Division (both in our jails and prisons), Health Care Division, and with the Hawaii Paroling Authority, which is attached to PSD for administrative purposes.

It is not clear what the intent of this measure is or if it seeks to create a new class of work. It is also not clear why this measure is being considered, nor does it specify which types of case managers are included or excluded from the "certification" process. Given the difficulty PSD has experienced in filling case manager positions, the Department is unable to support this measure until further clarification of its ramifications are known.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

SB 2031

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Ige, Senator Ihara, Senator Green and members of the committee, I support this measure with amendments. In order to address the original intent, the bill would need to be amended to include only case managers working with consumers at the ICF/SNF level of care in the residential setting.

- Professional geriatric care management is a growing specialty and;
- increasing numbers of elderly consumers are required to hire case managers to reside in residential care and;
- residential care as an alternative to nursing home care must expand in order to meet the growing needs of Hawaii's frail elders and;
- consumers are not aware of the role and function of a case manager and ;
- increasing numbers of individuals are establishing private practice as case managers and;
- consumers are at risk of being exploited in times of need.
- Certification of professional case managers by a nationally recognized body would provide consumer protection and set a uniform standard of care.
 - a. The certifying body must have a peer review process that would allow for complaints to be processed through the certifying organization.
 - b. The certifying body that enforces a code of ethics and has a peer review process for handling complaints will strengthen the professionalization of case management in Hawaii. Recommended certifications are:

1. **Care Manager Certified - CMC**
National Academy of Certified Care Managers (NACCM)
(800) 962-2260
www.naccm.net
2. **Certified Case Manager - CCM**
Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC)
(651) 789-3744
www.ccmcertification.org

3. **Certified Advanced Social Worker in Case Management (C-ASWCM)***
4. **Certified Social Work Case Manager (C-SWCM)***
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
(800) 638-8799 ext. 409
www.socialworkers.org/credentials

Thank you for your commitment to develop a strong infrastructure for our community based long term care setting.

Best regards,

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