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### SB 2163 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill, SB 2163 SD2 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.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

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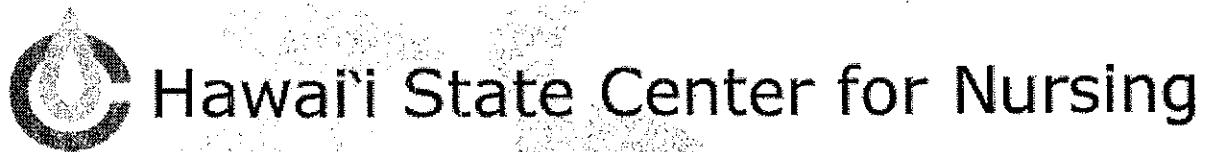
**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2163, S.D. 2, H.D.1, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF  
NURSING.**

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 strong support of Senate Bill No. 2163, S.D. 2, H.D.1, relating to the Practice of Nursing, which is the companion bill to House Bill No. 1847, H.D. 1.

As the Board does not feel that procuring and dispensing of drugs are within the APRNs' scope of practice, it prefers Senate Bill No. 2163, S.D.2, H.D.1, because Section 6 amends Section 457-8.6(d) by deleting ", procure," and ", and dispense". This amendment would be consistent with the deletion of "dispensation" of drugs from the APRN scope of practice (in Senate Bill No. 2163, S.D. 2, Section 2, page 5, lines 12-15 and in House Bill No. 1847, H.D. 1, page 5, lines 9-12).

For these reasons, the Board of Nursing strongly supports passage of Senate Bill No. 2163, S.D. 2, H.D.1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Director  
Hawaii State Center for Nursing

**SB 2163, SD 2, HD1 RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING**

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Testimony of  
Suzann Filleul  
Regional Nurse Executive

Before:  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
The Honorable Robert N. Herkes, Chair  
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

March 24, 2010  
2:00 pm  
Conference Room 325

**SB 2163 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING**

Chair Herkes and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB2163 SD2 HD1 which better defines the practice of nursing.

**Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this bill**

As the Regional Nurse Executive for Kaiser Permanente, I am in support of SB 2163 SD2 HD1. It better defines the practice of Nursing and delineates the scope of practice for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and advanced practice registered nurses. It also directs the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain provisions of the NCSBN Model Nurse Practice Act and Model Nursing Administrative Rules. Standardizing these elements of nursing practice to match the national model will assure that nurses in Hawaii continue to practice to their highest and best abilities.

We urge you to pass this bill and thank you for your consideration.



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Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association  
March 24, 2010

S.B. 2163, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE  
PRACTICE OF NURSING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 125, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 2163, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 – Relating to the Practice of Nursing, which defines the practice of nursing to adopt certain provisions of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (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 and amends the definition of APRN with prescriptive authority to reflect this. APRNs still maintain prescriptive authority, however, APRNs shall not be authorized to request, receive, or sign for professional controlled substance samples.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit our testimony in support of S.B. 2163, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nora A. Nomura  
Deputy Executive Director

March 16, 2010

Representative Glenn Wakai, CPC Vice Chair  
Room 316  
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415 South Beretania Street  
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Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 2163, SD2, Relating to the Practice of Nursing. As registered nurses and students in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Hawaii, we want to express our full support of the bill and emphasize its potential impact on access to health care and the ability of nurse practitioners to provide comprehensive care to the residents of Hawaii.

Currently, the Hawaii Administrative Rules (Title 16, chapter 89C) require a collegial relationship with a physician for prescriptive authority of controlled substances. This restriction remains an obstacle for nurse practitioners (NPs) to provide quality care for their patients. Bill 2163 will remove the requirement of collegial agreement for prescriptive authority. This important step will enhance the NP's ability to provide quality patient care without the encumbrances often associated with collegial agreement and establish independent practice for advanced practice nurses (APRNs) in Hawaii

Additionally, Bill 2163 permits the Hawaii Board of Registered Nursing (HBON) to recognize the provisions of the Model Nursing Practice Act (MNPC) developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). The NCSBN is the collective representative of nursing regulation in the United States. The organization publishes and continually revises the MNPC as a means to encourage a common understanding of current policy and nursing practice. Furthermore, the MNPC serves as a guide for state boards of nursing by providing a comprehensive framework for revisions that occur as nursing and health care continue to evolve. This bill will allow the HBON to update the nursing scope of practice so that it aligns with the standards of the NCSBN.

Finally, APRNs provide quality cost effective health care and are key to providing healthcare access to residents of Hawaii. Supporting this bill would result in the repeal of Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 16, chapter 89c and allow APRNs to realize their full potential in meeting the needs of our dynamic healthcare system. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your support of Bill 2163. We also kindly request a response to our letter in regards to your opinion and intended actions for this bill.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration. We appreciate the committee's work to further the comprehensive and effective care provided by the APRNs of Hawaii. Supporting the autonomous prescriptive authority of NPs and the decision-making process of the HBON will optimize access to APRN-provided care for residents of the state of Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Fale, RN, Anna Holt, RN, Leanne Kihara, RN, Meagan Mulligan, RN, and Leina'ala Ovitt, RN  
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Comments:

I am writing in support of SB2163. This has been a bill long in coming and with a lot of work from the Board of Nursing, with input from many professional nursing organizations across the state. It puts Hawaii more in line with national trends that help to advance the practice of nursing and allow better access to health care for all residents in Hawaii. This is a good bill and should be supported.

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**Comments:**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill. The nursing community as a whole has come together in the past session and in this one to advance the law, removing barriers to practice and enhancing health care in the great State of Hawai'i. This bill is a result of that work. This bill is good health care reform and will enable us to work in harmony with the new Federal health care laws. Thank YOU for supporting this bill. With Warmest Aloha,

Wailua Brandman APRN-Rx BC, President  
Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses Member, APRN Advisory Committee to the Hawai'i Board of Nursing Director-at-Large, American Psychiatric Nurses Association Hawai'i Chapter Clinical Director, Ke'ena Mauiola Nele Paia, LLC Medical Co-Director, Freedom Recovery Services, Inc.



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I wish to support passage of SB2163.  
Cecilia Mukai