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Comments:

I support this measure. I do think it should specify 15 hours of continuing education in pharmacology.

Yvonne Geesey
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Testimony for HTH 2/5/2010 2:45:00 PM SB2272

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Comments:

I respectfully ask that this bill be held until further discussion among interested parties occurs. It appears that this bill may increase the burden of continuing education credits required under HAR of APRN-Rx who already have 30 required CEs every two years.

Yvonne Geesey
American Academy of Nursing Hawaii State Representative



AONE

American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawai'i Chapter

Before the Senate Committee on Health

DATE: February 5, 2010

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016

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Re: SB 2272 Relating to Continuing Education for Nurses

Thank you for the opportunity to submit American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE Hawaii) Hawaii Chapter's testimony in strong support of SB2272 Relating to Continuing Education for Nurses which would require nurses license in the State to complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education during each two-year license period as a requirement for license renewal.

The complex healthcare needs of our patients and aging population validates the need for nurses to regularly update their knowledge. Nursing care includes the assessment of the physical, social, biological, and behavioral aspects of a patient. The healthcare environment is constantly evolving and continuing education is an effective avenue for nurses to keep up to date with these changes.

Hawaii is one of the 18 states that do not require continuing education in order for the nurses to renew their license. Many states require physicians, nurses, pharmacist and social workers to obtain continuing education credits as a condition of their license renewal. Patient safety is dependent on a well prepared and educated nurse. There are multiple options to obtain CE credits; on line courses, seminars, classes and conferences.

AONE Hawaii believes that requiring continuing education for the State's nurses is essential to the quality of care provided and to patient safety.