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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2010

Wednesday, March 31, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2600, S.D. 2, H. D. 2, RELATING TO  
HEALTHCARE.**

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

My name is Celia Suzuki, Acting Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division ("PVLD") of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA"). PVLD appreciates the opportunity to testify on S.B. No. 2600, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, Relating to Healthcare.

For the Committee's information, much of the contents of this bill represents consensus between PVLD and the proponents for regulation. Our position, however is that if regulation is enacted, it should be in the form of a certification program and not licensure. We also advised that a licensure structure would entail higher costs as

additional staff and general funds for start-up costs will be needed, whereas a certification structure would not.

Also, we do not support the requirement that to renew a license, a person must complete at least 18 credit hours of continuing education. Before continuing education is imposed as a condition to renew, there should be (1) a demonstrated need to impose such a requirement; (2) identification of the objective(s) that mandatory continuing education is meant to address; (3) a review of existing mechanisms or methods and a finding that mandatory continuing education is the best method to achieve the objective(s) identified in (3) above; (4) verification that continuing education courses meeting the objective(s) are readily available and accessible to the person; (5) evidence that the fiscal impact on the professional will not be adverse; and (6) confirmation that resources are available for the regulatory agency to implement the continuing education program. Until all of these issues are addressed, we cannot support continuing education as a requirement for the renewal of the license.

For the Committee's information, there will be start-up costs to implement the Respiratory Therapist program. These additional costs will be passed on to licensees in addition to regular fees for the new biennium. It is estimated that a total of 250 respiratory therapists (number provided to me by the proponents of the bill) will require regulation.

Finally, we request that should this bill pass, the effective date be July 1, 2011 to allow us sufficient time to ensure an efficient and smooth transition for the licensure of

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respiratory therapists. A one year delayed effective date has consistently been supported by the Legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2600, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

# *HSRC* Hawaii Society for Respiratory Care

Testimony in Support of SB 2600, SD2, HD2

To: House Committee on Finance, Marcus Oshiro, Chair and Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

From: Ed Borza, RRT-NPS, CPFT, President HSRC

Committee Chair, Vice Chair and members of the committee,

I am testifying in support of SB 2600, SD2, HD2 to license and regulate respiratory therapists (RTs) in Hawaii. RTs are involved in the care of the most critical patients in Hawaii's healthcare system and also are critical in the continuum of care as homecare providers, patient educators and advocates for lung health. It is critical that the consumers and patients in Hawaii have the same protections afforded to consumers of 48 other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Because we are among the last states (with Alaska) to recognize and regulate the profession, there is a possibility of unethical or incompetent RT's coming from other states and harming our patients. There is also the risk that an unscrupulous therapist could move from hospital to hospital within our state.

RTs are involved with the most critically ill patients in Emergency departments and Intensive care units, including pediatric and newborn intensive care. They are primarily responsible for operating life-support equipment and assisting with, and performing, invasive procedures such as arterial punctures and artificial airway placement. RT's also administer medications and medical gasses that have the potential to harm a patient if not correctly or safely administered.

It has sometimes been suggested that hospitals police the profession sufficiently by requiring national credentials and doing "background" checks, but there is evidence that this system is not always able to screen adequately. In Hawaii, employers are not given access to licensing board decisions in many mainland jurisdictions because we don't have a state licensing authority. The lack of a license in Hawaii also means that Hawaii based RTs would not be eligible to apply for Federal disaster relief teams and may be restricted from providing certain Medicare services if regulations mandate services be provided by licensed professionals.

The HSRC is aware that regulating Respiratory Therapists will cost money, but we accept that the cost of regulating the profession will be borne by the professionals themselves. As long as the costs are in line with other health professionals' licenses in Hawaii and throughout the U.S. we are confident that Hawaii's RT professionals

will be accepting of the costs of insuring safety for the people of Hawaii. For comparison, the highest initial RT license fee is in New York at \$294 for 3 years (see addendum). Wyoming, with roughly the same number of licensees as we anticipate for Hawaii (~300), charges \$100 annually. Our colleagues in healthcare in Hawaii pay rates comparable to these fees. Registered nurses in Hawaii pay \$125 for a 2-year license. Physicians currently pay \$295 for 2-year licenses. We would anticipate our rates to be comparable as the licensing agency would be able to use already existing tests and procedures through the National Board of Respiratory Care and the National network of Respiratory licensing agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha, Ed Borza, RRT-NPS, CPFT

Addendum; from AARC at  
[http://www.aarc.org/advocacy/state/licensure\\_matrix.html#matrix](http://www.aarc.org/advocacy/state/licensure_matrix.html#matrix)

### Licensure Matrix

Affiliate	# of Licenses	Renewal Period	C.E. Hours	Fees
Alabama <input type="checkbox"/> License ensure	2,545	Biannual	24	\$100—Initial \$75—Renewal
Alaska <input type="checkbox"/> No Act				
Arizona <input type="checkbox"/> License ensure	3,926	Biennial	20	\$120—Initial + \$100-fee <input type="checkbox"/> \$120—Renewal
Arkansas <input type="checkbox"/> License	1,900	Annual	12	\$75—Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$30—F Fee—\$10 <input type="checkbox"/> State/Fed

censure			(Annually)	Checks <input type="checkbox"/> —\$41.25
<b>California</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	17,902	Biennial	15	\$200—Application fee <input type="checkbox"/> \$230—Renewal information: <input type="checkbox"/> \$51—Fingerprint <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.module.shtml">http://www.module.shtml</a>
<b>Colorado</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	2,305	Biannual	none required	\$85—Initial \$60—Renewal
<b>Connecticut</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	1,767	Annual	6 (Annually)	\$190—Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$100—Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.1&amp;q=389576">http://www.1&amp;q=389576</a>
<b>Delaware</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	655	Biennial	20	\$80—Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$80—
<b>District of Columbia</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	739	Biennial <input type="checkbox"/> (Jan 31 of each odd numbered yr)	16 <input type="checkbox"/> 3— Ethics <input type="checkbox"/> 8 —Live	\$254—Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$169—
<b>Florida</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	RRTs: <input type="checkbox"/> 6,339 in state, 547 out of state <input type="checkbox"/> CRTs: <input type="checkbox"/> 3,925 in state, 344 out of state	Biennial	24	\$165—Initial (\$110 I
<b>Affiliate</b>	<b># of</b>	<b>Renewal</b>	<b>C.E.</b>	<b>Fees</b>

	<b>Licenses</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Hours</b>	
<b>Georgia</b> □ License ensure	4,743	Biennial	30	\$75—Initial □ \$80—F
<b>Hawaii</b> □ No Act				
<b>Idaho</b> □ License ensure	671	Annual	12	\$80 — Initial □ \$40 —
<b>Illinois</b> □ License ensure	5,850	Biennial	24 (biennially )	\$100 — Initial □ \$120
<b>Indiana</b> □ License ensure	4,743	Biennial	15	\$50 — Initial □ \$50 —
<b>Iowa</b> □ License ensure	1,544	Biennial	24 (of which 14 are “live”)	\$120 — Initial □ \$60 -
<b>Kansas</b> □ License ensure	1,767	Annual	12	\$80—Initial □ \$75—F
<b>Kentucky</b> □ License ensure	3,300	Biennial	24	\$125—Initial □ \$75—
<b>Louisiana</b> □ License ensure	3,436	Annual	10	\$45.25—Background (LRT) □ \$85—Renew (LRT) □ \$220—Reins
<b>Maine</b> License	656	Biennial	15	\$256 (app/license/crit)

<b>Affiliate</b>	<b># of Licenses</b>	<b>Renewal Period</b>	<b>C.E. Hours</b>	<b>Fees</b>
<b>Maryland</b> □ License	2,589	Biennial (May 30 every even yr)	16	\$150—Initial □ \$135—fee
<b>Massachusetts</b> □ License	3,005 □ 104 — Limited (student)	Biennial	15	\$260—Full □ \$150—
<b>Michigan</b>	4,812	Biennial(2007 )	NA	\$95 — Initial \$150 — Renewal - 2 y
<b>Minnesota</b> □ License	1,725	Annual	24 (Biennially )	\$100 — Initial □ \$90 -
<b>Mississippi</b> □ License	2,121	Biennial	20	\$75—Initial □ \$100—
<b>Missouri</b> □ License	4,036	Biennial	24	\$65 — Initial □ \$50 —
<b>Montana</b> □ License	517	Annual	24 (Biennially )	\$100—Initial □ \$75—
<b>Nebraska</b> □ License	1,336	June 1 on even years	20	\$118—Initial □ \$118—
<b>Nevada</b> □ License	1,325	Biennial	20 including 2 hr in	\$100—application □ \$ renewal □ \$75—backg



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<b>New Hampshire</b> □ Licensure	477	Biennial	24 (Biennially )	\$110 + \$60 applicatic
<b>Affiliate</b>	<b># of Licenses</b>	<b>Renewal Period</b>	<b>C.E. Hours</b>	<b>Fees</b>
<b>New Jersey</b> □ Licensure	3,344	Biennial	30	\$125 — Application Renewal
<b>New Mexico</b> □ Licensure	872	Biennial	20	\$150 — Initial □ \$150
<b>New York</b> □ Licensure	5,093 RRTs □ 1,616 CRTs	Triennial	30— RT □ 24— CRT	\$294 — Initial RRT □ Renewal RRT □ \$130
<b>North Carolina</b> □ Licensure	4,204	Annual	12	\$50—Application □ \$ Check □ \$125—Initial
<b>North Dakota</b> □ Licensure	457	Annual	10	\$60 — RRT □ \$60 —
<b>Ohio</b> □ Licensure	7,688	Annual - limited permits; Biennial - license	20 Licensed □ 10 Limited permit	\$75 — Initial □ \$100— background ck

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<b>Oklahoma</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	1,957 licensees <input type="checkbox"/> 64 provisional	Biennial	12	\$100—Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$100—Check
<b>Oregon</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	1,531	Biennial	15 (Biennial)	\$100—Initial lic <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 Renewal
<b>Pennsylvania</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	482 (Bd of Osteo Med) <input type="checkbox"/> 6,717 (Bd of Med)	Biennial	30	\$30 — Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 —
<b>Puerto Rico</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	2,007	Triennial	30	\$50 — Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 —
<b>Affiliate</b>	<b># of Licenses</b>	<b>Renewal Period</b>	<b>C.E. Hours</b>	<b>Fees</b>
<b>Rhode Island</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	531	Biennial	12 (biennially)	\$170 — Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$130
<b>South Carolina</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	2,431	Biennial	30	\$134—Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$94—
<b>South Dakota</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure	450	Biennial	20	\$75 — Initial <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 —

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<b>Tennessee</b> □ Licensure	2,079 registered therapists □ 1,570 certified □ 24 assistants	Biennial	10 □ Annually	\$200—Initial □ \$150—check, in state □ \$60—
<b>Texas</b> □ Licensure	12,765 □ 174 Temp	Biennial	24	\$133 — Initial □ \$106
<b>Utah</b> □ Licensure	1,188	Biennial	None	\$60 — Initial □ \$52 —
<b>Vermont</b> □ Licensure	221 Residents 120 Non-Residents	Biennial	12 hours	\$100—Initial □ \$200—
<b>Virginia</b> □ Licensure	3,504	Biennial	20	\$130 — Initial □ \$135
<b>Washington</b> □ Licensure	2,401	Biennial	30 (2 years)	\$150—Initial □ \$110—
<b>West Virginia</b> □ Licensure	1,534	Annual	20 (Biennially)	\$200 — Initial □ \$55 - Dec.
<b>Wisconsin</b> □ Licensure	2,801	Biennial	None	\$110—Initial □ \$141—
<b>Wyoming</b> □ Licensure	297	Annual	8 (annually)	\$100 - Application \$40 - Temp. permit/li

censure				\$100 - Renewal
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March 31, 2010

Memorandum of Testimony

To: House Committee on Finance , Marcus Oshiro, Chairperson Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

From: Stephen F. Wehrman CRT, RRT, CPFT, RPFT, AE-C

Re: Hearing for March 31, 2010 SB 2600 SD2 HD2(crossover) Licensure of Respiratory Therapists

I have been a Respiratory Therapist for 33 years. I took my training as an RN in Hilo in the early 1970's and went on to Respiratory school in the mainland since we did not have a program in Hawaii. I have taught Respiratory Care for 28 years and I've been the Director of the only program in this state for the last 20 years. I have seen a lot in my career and I've seen a lot of changes in society, in medicine, in healthcare and in education. One thing hasn't changed: Respiratory Therapists don't have a license to practice in Hawaii.

A license to practice defines what a health care professional does and how they are supposed to do it. When our profession was young, in the 60's and 70's, we didn't have licenses and what we did was more or less undefined. Our profession grew and licensure efforts began in the 1980's. I was licensed in California and later in Washington before I moved back to Hawaii. We don't have a license here and it has not been for lack of trying.

I think that a lot of people know the myths about licensure and not the truths. I came here today to tell you about the truth and to tell you why the truth is important.

**Myth #1: Licensure is all about turf and protecting your profession.**

**Fact:** Paramedics, RN's, Physicians-all provide critical life-saving therapies for patients. All have overlapping areas of skill and responsibility. Respiratory Therapists are members of the lifesaving team. We have no need or desire to take away from others. We all work together sharing these vital responsibilities.

**Bottom Line: Our licensure will have no impact on other professions. They are our partners not our rivals.**

**Myth#2: Licensure increases the cost of healthcare and the cost to society.**

**Fact:** The cost of every respiratory care license in the United States is paid by the Respiratory Therapists. In California this costs \$500. In Washington it is \$100. Costs vary from state to state but the facts are simple: the people who want the license pay for it. A \$300 a year license would cost an RT less than 1\$ per day and less than most of us make in a day.

**Bottom Line: We are willing to make this sacrifice to protect our patients.**

**Myth #3: The hospitals will protect the people of Hawaii, so we don't need licensure.**

**Fact:** Hawaii's hospitals do try to protect people. They do drug testing and background checks using the State of Hawaii database. I have seen them catch people who had an outstanding parking ticket or never went to jury duty. I've never had a graduate rejected by a background check here in Hawaii, however, I have had graduates who could not obtain a license in another state!

Hawaii employers can check for credentials but they only require unofficial proof since no license is involved. What they can't do is check for previous license problems *because the National Disciplinary Database is only available to states with licensure.*

Does this matter? Aside from the obvious big issues, hiring staff that you later terminate due to background issues costs money.

**Bottom Line: Licensure is the only method of regulating health care workers that can ensure a hiring process that is safe and effective. Mainland respiratory therapists who lost their license or experienced disciplinary action try to come to Hawaii!**

**Myth #4: Nothing bad has happened so what's the big deal?**

**Fact:** Bad things have happened, on the mainland and right here in Hawaii. I'll give you three examples:

**The Angel of Death**

A respiratory therapist at Glendale Adventist Hospital in California. He euthanized elderly patients he felt were kept alive inappropriately. He was arrested and released for lack of evidence. **The licensure board revoked his license immediately.** It took 4 years to convict this man.

**The Pediatric Therapist**

He was good with children and volunteered to work with them at his community hospital. Until he was accused of molesting a young female patient. Threatened with termination, he fought back and demanded proof. The hospital administration told him he could resign and they would let him go. What happened? The HR department at the community hospital could not tell the new employer of their problem because of the risk of lawsuits and bad publicity. **A licensure board would have suspended his license and investigated.** This gentleman now works at one of the three hospitals on Oahu that have large pediatric populations.

**The Cocaine Fiend**

I went to the Big Island to set up additional clinical experiences for my students. My goal was to get rural community health rotations where students could learn to care for patients outside the hospital and the urban setting of Oahu. I know the future of healthcare lies outside the hospital and I know how important it is to provide this care on the neighbor islands. I had just signed an agreement and come home to Kaneohe. My mother-in-law called from Waimea to ask me if I had seen the Tribune

Herald? She informed me that my 'friend' had just been arrested on Mamo St. in Hilo for buying cocaine. I immediately canceled the clinical rotation. The judge gave leniency for this man's role in society and his first-time offense. **A license board would have revoked his license until rehabilitation was proved.** It took years of repeated offenses for the system to remove this man from caring for patients in their homes.

I urge you to pass this bill. Actually, I'm begging you. We've tried for 25 years and we need your help. It's pretty important. We're not asking for ourselves, we're asking on behalf of the people we have sworn to care for and protect. The people of Hawaii are counting on us and we are counting on you.

When I get up in the morning I look in the mirror and I ask myself if I like the person I see. I'm usually pretty happy. I hope when you look in the mirror you look happy knowing that you did something to make life better for the 250,000 people in this state who suffer from lung diseases.

We took care of Brother Iz. We took care of Governor Cayetano. We took care of Patsy Mink. And we took care of June Jones, and Tadd Fujikawa and we took care of your loved ones. Who should be taking care of them? People who are trusted.

If you still don't think it is necessary to license my profession, I want you to ask yourself who takes care of your wife, your mother, or your daughter when they are sick. Is it someone trusted? Is it a licensed health care provide?

Finally, I want to share what happened when I volunteered to help with Hurricane Katrina. The United States of America said **NO**. They said I was not qualified. I was not licensed. If we had a public health disaster in Hawaii we would only be able to help at the hospital where we work. We would lose 300 highly trained critical care workers exactly when we need them most. The United States of America bought life-support ventilators to use during a disaster. We have them here in Hawaii. The paramedics are supposed to operate them. Who trained the paramedics?  
**Respiratory Therapists.**

To: The House of Representatives (Finance Committee)  
The Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
Re: *SB2600 S.D. 2 H.D. 2*  
Hearing Date March 31, 2010 7:00pm

Date: March 31, 2010

**Honorable Chair Oshiro and Vice-Chair Lee,**

**Thank you for taking your valuable time to hear this Bill.**

I strongly support SB 2600. My name is Steve Camara and I have been a Respiratory Care Practitioner for over a decade at many hospitals in Honolulu. I know first hand the need for action on this Bill. I befriended a Respiratory Practitioner from the Mainland that shared with me some disturbing news. He told me that his California license was pulled after a Domestic Violence Complaint had been lodged against him by his live in girlfriend. He told me that he had two options for work; Alaska and Hawaii, the only two states that do not have Licensure. He said the choice to freeze or work in Paradise was a no brainer. A few months later, his temper issues flared in the workplace at co-workers. Maybe he is working in Alaska now. I can't help but wonder how scary it was that this guy was running life support equipment. In Hawaii, you need a license to cut hair, but not run life support. Please give us the tools to protect our Aina from bottom tier Respiratory Practitioners running from their past mistakes in the Mainland; as equitable protection processes screen other important bedside healthcare professions currently. Thank you for listening.



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 3/31/2010

**Comments:**

I strongly support SB 2600 for the safety of our patients. I would ask the committee to approve this bill and structure the cost according to like medical professions in Hawaii and other states.

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To: House Committee on Finance  
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Date: March 29, 2010

RE: SB2600, SD2, HD2 Relating to Healthcare

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I am a physician who is affiliated with Pali Momi Kapiolani Medical Center

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- There is no question that Respiratory Therapist should be licensed. They manage patients on life support equipment and are often first responders to emergency situations, i.e. cardiac arrest, airway emergencies, newborn resuscitation.

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To: House Committee on Finance  
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Date: March 30, 2010

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By: Jamlean A. Lee, RRT, Honolulu  
Print name Credentials City of residence

Chairs and Committee Members,

Licensure of Respiratory Therapists – something that nurses, doctors, physical therapists and other health professions have had for years, is long overdue. Forty eight states, DC, and Puerto Rico have licensed the profession of Respiratory Therapy, so Hawaii is among the last to make these **safety assurances** for their patient population.

As Respiratory therapists, we treat patients with lung disease in hospitals, in home settings, or nursing homes. We deliver bedside care to critically ill patients, from the newborn to geriatric patient and help those with chronic diseases like asthma or COPD take control of their breathing problems.

We give the gift of "life and breath" to patients under our care.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this important issue.

Jamlean A. Lee RRT  
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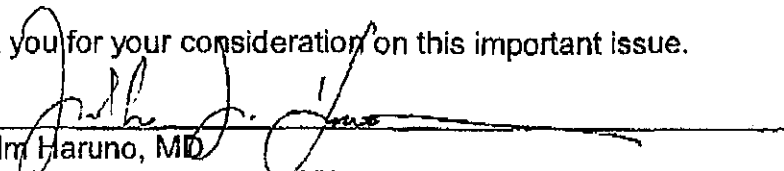
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Chairs and Committee Members,

I strongly support the intent of SB2600SD2HD1 which creates licensing and regulatory standards for respiratory therapists.

- As Physician's patient-loads are increasing, especially on the neighbor islands, they are relying on Respiratory Care Practitioners more than ever, to manage their most challenging patients, those with pulmonary diseases, including Asthma, COPD and respiratory pandemics such as SARS and H1 N1.
- Federal Medicare laws for reimbursement are currently undergoing a significant change that affects reimbursement to all Medical Centers. Medicare is closely scrutinizing the current personnel requirements as it relates to reimbursement for the services provided to Medicare patients. Specifically, payments for services provided by unlicensed personnel are under review. When Medicare decides to amend its rules and not reimburse for services provided by unlicensed health care personnel, this would reduce the Federal dollars to our state as Medicare is reformed on this important point.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

  
Malcolm Haruno, MD  
Cardiac Intensivist, Cardiac ICU  
Queen's Medical Center





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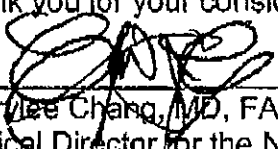
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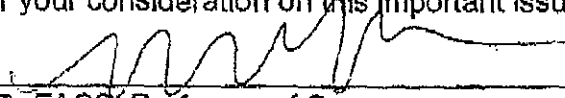
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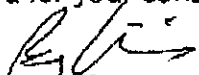
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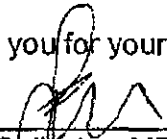
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RE: SB2600, SD2, HD2 Relating to Healthcare

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By: Holly Hall RN Honolulu  
Name Credentials City of residence

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Sincerely,

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By: JANE F. TAMASINGI CO, MT (ASCP), MILILANI, HI  
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By: JEN H. CHAHANOVICH Chief Operating Officer Kapolei  
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By: Wayne Goodwin, RRT, Honolulu, HI  
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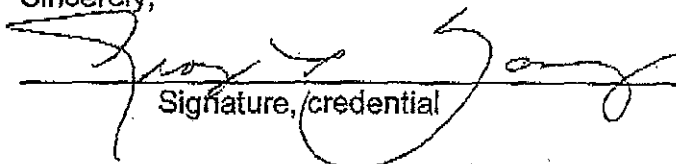
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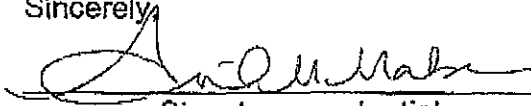
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