

HB 484 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

Report Title: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; Hospitals

Description: Requires each hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within the full scope of the practice, including as a primary care provider. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

Companion: SB38

Package: None

Current Referral: HTH, CPN

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011**

Friday, April 1, 2011
9:00 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 484, S.D. 1, RELATING TO ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.**

**TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing ("Board") and I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill No. 484, S.D. 1, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. This bill proposes to allow an advanced practice registered nurse ("APRN") who meets the qualifications established by the Board to function as a primary care provider. The Board supports this bill as it would require hospitals licensed in this State to recognize the APRN as a primary care provider, and allow the APRN to receive the same benefits as other primary care providers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 484, S.D. 1.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
April 1, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

by
Gail P. Tiwanak RN, MBA
Director
Hawaii State Center for Nursing

HB 484, S.D.1, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill, **SB 484**, requiring each hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered nurses ("APRNs") to practice within the full scope of their practice, including the function of a primary care provider.

Two decades ago, the Legislature in its wisdom recognized that APRNs are educationally prepared to assume responsibility and accountability for health promotion and maintenance as well as the assessment, diagnosis, and management of patient problems, which includes the use and prescription of pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions. APRNs have proven themselves to have clinical experience of sufficient depth and breadth to have safely practiced within their specialties. They have safely prescribed drugs appropriate to their specialties for fifteen years.

Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCFN") supports this bill to require each hospital in the State licensed under section 321-14.5 to allow an APRN recognized as such under section 457-8.5 or a qualified APRN granted prescriptive authority under section 457-8.6 to practice within the full scope of the practice authorized under chapter 457, including the function of a primary care provider. We hope that this Committee would consider amending this measure to include long term care settings, as well.

Further, we strongly feel that some of the current provisions in Section 457-8.6, HRS, are inconsistent with the Legislature's recognition of APRNs as primary care providers. APRNs with prescriptive authority should be allowed to prescribe independently provided they prescribe drugs appropriate to their specialty. Like other primary care providers, APRNs need to be personally accountable for their practice. Therefore, we have proposed amendments to Section 457-8.6, HRS, which is attached as a Senate Draft 2 for your consideration.

We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

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(3) Three persons licensed as pharmacists and appointed by the board of pharmacy;

(4) One representative of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine appointed by the dean of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine; and

(5) One representative from a school of nursing with an advanced practice registered nurse program.

The joint formulary advisory committee shall recommend the applicable formulary for persons recognized under this section. The board shall consider the recommendations of the joint formulary advisory committee in adopting the formulary. The appropriate working relationship with licensed physicians shall be reflected in rules adopted by the board in accordance with chapter 91.

(e) [The board shall establish nursing requirements for education, experience, and national certification pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with chapter 91.

[(d)](c) Advanced practice registered nurses shall be considered qualified if they have met the requirements of section 457-8.5(a), and have met the advanced pharmacology requirements for initial prescriptive authority pursuant to rules adopted by the board. Only qualified advanced practice registered nurses authorized to diagnose, prescribe, and institute therapy or referrals of patients to

health care agencies, health care providers, and community resources and, only as appropriate, to the practice specialty in which the advanced practice nurse is qualified, may:

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH

TWENTY-Sixth LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Friday April 1, 2011
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 484, S.D.2 RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF
NURSING.**

TO THE HONORABLE SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR, and THE HONORABLE
SENATOR BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Denise Cohen and I am an Associate Professor of Nursing at the
University of Hawaii - Maui Campus. In addition I am the clinic director for the Campus
Health Center. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong**
support of House Bill No. 484, S.D.2, relating to Advanced Practice Register Nurses.

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~~section 457-8.6.(b) and adding a provision to section 457-8.6(c)(1)~~ to read as
follows:

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shall grant prescriptive authority to qualified advanced practice registered nurses and shall
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In addition the bill goes on to read:

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certification pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with chapter 91.

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In my practice I see many family planning patients. They are usually young unmarried women who are uninsured or underinsured and do not wish to have children at this time. Uninsured and underinsured women are at higher risk for unwanted pregnancies because of difficulty obtaining effective birth control methods. The ability to dispense prepackaged birth control to these women is critical in preventing hundreds of unwanted pregnancies in this State. By allowing properly educated APRNs the ability to dispense birth control medication to uninsured and underinsured women would result in huge cost savings to the state in preventing unwanted pregnancies with all the inherent risks and complications. Therefore I respectfully ask that this committee support this bill as amended.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Denise Cohen, MS, APRN-RX, FNP-BC
Associate Professor of Nursing
Univeristy of Hawaii-Maui College
Nurse Practitioner
Campus Health Center

PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2011
Friday, March 18, 2011
3:00 p.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 484, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, M.D., CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Glenda Tali, Campus College Chair, Nursing at the Hawaii campus of the University of Phoenix, and an advanced practice registered nurse. I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill No. 484, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. This bill proposes to allow an advanced practice registered nurse ("APRN") who meets the qualifications established by the Board to function as a primary care provider.

I support this bill as it would require hospitals licensed in this State to recognize the APRN as a primary care provider, and allow the APRN to receive the same benefits as other primary care providers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 484

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April 1, 2011

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: HB 484, SD1 – Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of HB 484, SD1 which would require hospitals to allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to practice within the full scope of their licensure.

Hawaii as well as the rest of the nation, continues to face a shortage of qualified health professionals, especially in rural areas. While stakeholders across the health care community are working together to determine how to attract and retain qualified providers in the state, there are other steps which can be taken to fully utilize existing resources. One of those resources is the APRNs already practicing in our local health care community.

HB 484, SD1 would clarify that hospitals recognize an APRN's statutorily granted prescriptive authority and allow them to practice to the fullest extent of their licensure, including being recognized as primary care providers. We believe that ensuring providers already practicing within our community are being permitted to utilize the fullest scope of their statutorily granted authority will only serve to increase access to medical services throughout the state.

We respectfully urge the Committee see fit to pass HB 484, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JD', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jennifer Diesman
Vice President
Government Relations



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Conference Room 229
March 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Commenting on HB 484.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. In their efforts to provide quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members employ over 40,000 people. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on HB 484, which requires hospitals to use advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to the full scope allowed by their licensure.

Health care consumes about 17% of the gross domestic product, and the health care inflation rate is much greater than the overall inflation rate. Health care providers have been searching for alternatives that can hold down costs while maintaining the quality of care, and the increased use of APRNs is one way to do that. APRNs can provide certain kinds of care that were previously limited only to physicians. APRNs can also provide primary care in areas that are underserved by physicians.

APRNs are now responsible in many settings for direct patient care, including performing routine examination and review of medical histories, and they will also be increasingly involved in telephone triage, patient education, counseling and health awareness. In addition, APRNs may be utilized for pre-operative and post-operative care, assisting at surgery, hospital rounds, in-office procedures, as well as patient education and awareness.

Hospitals and other health care provider organizations are managing APRNs so that they are being used to a much greater degree than before. However, we feel that it is a management responsibility to determine how an APRN or any other employee is used. As such, the Healthcare Association suggests the following amendment to the new HRS section proposed in the bill:

"§323- Practice by advanced practice registered nurses. Each hospital in the State licensed under section 321-14.5 shall allow an advanced practice registered nurse recognized as such under section 457-8.5 or a qualified advanced practice registered nurse granted prescriptive authority under section 457-8.6 to practice within the full scope of the practice authorized under chapter 457, including the function of a primary care provider, unless limited by the terms of their employment, and provided that their qualifications and duties fall within the hospital's accreditation requirements for advanced practice registered nurses."

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 484.

Testimony of
Phyllis Dendle
Director of Government Relations

For decision making by the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

April 1, 2011
9:00 am
Conference Room 229

Re: HB 484 SD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Chair Baker and committee members, thank you for considering my comments on HB484 SD1 which would require hospitals to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within the full scope of their practice.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports the intent of this bill but offers an amendment.

At Kaiser Permanente we recognize the importance of advanced practice registered nurses to the community and within our integrated healthcare delivery system. This bill seeks to improve the ability of APRNs, particularly in a rural area, to provide health care to the fullest of their abilities. We see the value of this to our members. For example this bill will allow midwives employed by Kaiser to provide care to our members in neighbor island hospitals where currently they may not.

We suggest an amendment to this bill that would address the circumstances APRNs may be in other areas. At Kaiser we sometimes hire APRNs to work in positions that do not, by design, utilize their full scope but fill specific needs. Some of these positions may be in administration or in nursing care at the level of a registered nurse rather than an APRN. An APRN who accepts such a position would do so with the knowledge of the requirements and limitations of this job.

It is important for all who provide care to patients and services to members to understand and fulfill the role they have in the organization to the best of their ability. It is also important for there to be no confusion among providers about what those roles are. To clarify the law in the situation where an APRN may be an employee rather than an independent practitioner we suggest the following amendment: On page 1, line 11, add to the last sentence the phrase **“unless limited by the terms of their employment.”**

While it has been suggested that this amendment is unnecessary we think it will provide clarity that will reduce the opportunity for misinterpreting this law and we urge you to include it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Hawaii Long Term Care Association

April 1, 2011

To: Chair Rosalyn Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Bob Ogawa, President; Dianne Okumura, Executive Vice President

Re: HB 484, SD 1 – Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

The Hawaii Long Term Care Association wholeheartedly supports HB 484, SD1 (as well as the proposed SD2), which would clarify that hospitals recognize an APRN's statutorily granted prescriptive authority and allow them to practice to the fullest extent of their licensure, including being recognized as primary care providers. We believe that ensuring providers already practicing within our community are being permitted to utilize the fullest scope of their statutorily granted authority will only serve to increase access to medical services throughout the State.

All health care providers, including those in long term care, are continually searching for alternatives that hold down costs to consumers and the government, while maintaining the highest quality of care. Being able to utilize APRNs with the authority granted through this measure would be a perfect solution. Without question, APRNs are able to more than competently provide certain kinds of care that are currently limited only to physicians. Allowing them to do so would be a tremendous boon in long term care settings, and it would also go a long way toward addressing the need for primary care in areas that are underserved by physicians.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER
PROTECTION
FRIDAY APRIL 1, 2011
CONFERENCE ROOM 229
9:00am

In SUPPORT of HOUSE BILL NO. 484 SD 2
RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES

TO: SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR BIRAN T. TANIGUICHI, VICE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

My name is Valisa Saunders, MN, APRN, GNP, and I testify in strong support of HB 484 SD2. I have been a registered nurse for 34 years, and advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) for 28 of those years. I have been working as a nurse and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner in Hawaii for 27 years. I care for the frail elderly in an outpatient setting, in carehomes, foster homes, assisted living and their own homes throughout Oahu and have spent many years taking care of patients in nursing facilities as well. Many of my patients need Hospice type care at some point, but are not always on a formal program.

HB 484 SD2 will remove some of the barriers to APRN practice to provide needed care to the elderly in a timely and cost-effective manner. The provisions of this bill are consistent with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) consensus model and the practice models in many other states.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 484 SD2 , relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. I am sorry that I cannot be present person to respond to any questions.

Valisa Saunders MN, APRN, GNP
Gerontological Nurse Practitioner
Email: Valisa@hawaii.rr.com

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Friday, April 1, 2011
Conference Room 229
9:00 A.M.

In Support of HB 484
RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

My name is Amy Stone Murai and I testify in support of HB 484, but ask for consideration of HB 484, SD2 as submitted by the Hawaii Center for Nursing (accompanying document). I have been a registered nurse for 36 years, an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) for 34 years, and have been licensed in the State of Hawaii since 1989. I am a member of the Board of Nursing, but provide this testimony as an individual.

HB 484, SD 1 supports:

- Recommendation 1 of the Institute of Medicine's recent report, "The Future of Nursing," which states, "Remove scope-of-practice barriers. *Advanced practice registered nurses should be able to practice to the full extent of their education and training.*"
- Act 169 of 2009 which allows health insurance plans to recognize APRNs as primary care providers (PCP) in Hawaii.

HB 484, proposed SD2 additionally supports the 2008 APRN Consensus Model, which is the result of the collaborative work of the APRN Consensus Work Group and National Council of State Boards Of Nursing (NCSBN). The Consensus Model has been endorsed by approximately 50 national nursing organizations and has been cited in the Institute of Medicine report and numerous other healthcare reform initiatives. The Model states, "License APRNs as independent practitioners with no regulatory requirements for collaboration, direction or supervision."

Current restrictions on APRN practice found in statute and rules limit provider choice and the public's access to health care. HB 484, proposed SD2 comprehensively aligns the practice act with the recommendations and intent of the above-mentioned documents. It also places the responsibility for maintaining knowledge and skill in practice as well as adherence to applicable law and regulations solely on the shoulders of the prescribing practitioner. The proposed SD2 would eliminate the inconsistency of APRNs functioning as PCPs in all aspects of their practice except the ability to provide needed controlled substances in a timely, safe and appropriate manner for patients under their care. HB 484, proposed SD2 would allow the practitioner who determines the need for medication as part of a treatment plan to assume full responsibility for the prescription and monitoring of the patient's response to treatment. This is the role of the PCP. I ask for your support of HB 484, proposed SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of amendments to HB 484, relating to the advanced practice registered nurses. I thank the committee for their consideration and regret that I am not able to be there in person to respond to any questions.

Amy Stone Murai, RN, MS, APRN, WHNP-BC

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Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

HB 484 will allow APRNs to practice to their full scope in hospitals and result in better coordinated care for our patients and utilize our health care workforce to the full extent of their training, please support HB 484 SD2.

Mahalo,
Yvonne Geesey
Hawai`i State Representative
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Mahalo,
Yvonne Geesey
Legislative Chair
Hawai`i Association of Professional Nurses

Date: March 30, 2011
To: Senate Consumer Protection Committee
Hearing Date: April 1 at 9:00 am in conference room 229
Re: House Bill 484 SD 2

I wish to testify in support of House Bill 484 SD 2.

I am a Psychiatric Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with Prescriptive Authority in private practice in Hilo.

HB 484 would allow more Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to provide comprehensive treatment to desperately underserved areas of Hawaii such as East Hawaii Island. This entire island is a federally designated medically underserved area (MUA). Utilization of the full potential of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses will offer great relief to the shortage. It has become even more critical since Department of Health budget cuts. As documented by professional literature and decades of experience, care by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses is safe, effective and well accepted by consumers. We must improve access to care at a time when Hawaii is experiencing severe provider shortages.

Institutions should not be allowed to hinder utilization of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses full potential.

An exclusionary formulary can only impede my practice and the practice of other Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

Hawaii has an opportunity to both diminish the health care provider shortage, and catch up with the rest of the nation by passage of HB 484. It will remove unnecessary barriers to practice so that dedicated Advanced Practice Registered Nurses are not hindered in serving the health needs of their community.

Thanking you in advance.

Allen Novak, APRN, Rx, CSAC
122 Haili Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

March 29, 2011

Aloha Lawmakers,

I fully support H.B. NO. 484, as amended below.

As an APRN-RX, I respectfully submit that such legislation will prevent further loss of critically needed health care providers from the state, reduce overall health care costs, and improve overall access to quality, competent health care in our state.

Thanking you in advance for your aloha and kokua.

O au me ka ha`a ha`a (I am humbly yours),

Elizabeth Bush, MSN, APRN-Rx, CARN-AP, CSAC

Board Certified Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurse (NP and CNS)

Certified Addiction Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice

Certified Substance Abuse Counselor

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others." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

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STATE OF HAWAII **H.B. NO. 484**

Proposed S.D.2

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(2) Prescribe, order, and dispense medical devices and equipment; and

(3) Plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes nutritional, diagnostic, and supportive services including home health care, hospice, and physical and occupational therapy.

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Comments:

Aloha Honorable Senators,

I support this bill that requires each hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within the full scope of the practice. This will increase access to care and decrease health care costs by allowing APRNs to practice within their scope as Primary Care Providers. The SD2 is an attempt to repeal the last of the major barriers for APRN prescriptive authority.

Mahalo for the opportunity to speak in strong support of this bill.

O au me ka ha`a ha`a (I am humbly yours),

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Comments:

Aloha Honorable Committee Members,

I am Dr. Jame Boyd, I write in support of HB484. I provide primary care as a family nurse practitioner. In my 25 year career in nursing I have provided care to the medically fragile, medically underserved, uninsured, and underinsured - but never so much so as I have seen in the two most recent years. The need for primary care providers in Hawai`i has been growing and will continue to grow through 2030 according to most health service forecasts. Please keep in mind that while many providers are leaving Hawai`i citing low reimbursement and high malpractice costs, many NPs across the nation are seeking employment in Hawai`i.

Supporting HB484 isn't a good idea mainly because of the growing demand for service providers but more so because of the Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice that uniquely qualifies NPs to work as high functioning members of the primary care team. NPs have for many years worked safely in rural and metropolitan settings alike as demonstrated in the literature. Requiring hospitals in the state of Hawaii to allow NPs to practice according to their scope will allow patients who access services offered by an NP in the community to have continuity of care when transitioning to hospital care. Your support of this bill will also allow clients to access a line of moderately priced care in hospital settings as anticipated given currently published comparisons in fee for service scales among levels of providers.

HB484 speaks not only to support of NPs to practice to their scope in hospital settings but also to increasing access to care in acute settings.

I urge to vote in support of HB484 to be effective immediately.

`O wau no,
Jamie K. Boyd, Ph.D., APRN-Rx

Cristina E. Prokop, APRN-RX
March 28th, 2011

Thank you for this opportunity to allow me to present my full support of HB484 which would consent for each hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within their full scope of practice, including as a primary care provider in a hospital setting.

I have worked in the APRN role in three different Islands and although it is obvious that we are lacking for primary care physicians as well as specialty physicians, I continue to witness the barriers set forth by individual hospitals to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within our full scope of the practice, including as primary care providers.

I am currently being processed to work in a local hospital in one of the outer islands that continues to be resistant to Nurse Practitioners working independently; therefore I will be working under the supervision of a physician. Granted there are a few open minded providers that are accepting of NPs as PCPs, but their numbers are far from the majority. In all three Islands I have continually met Nurse Practitioners (APRNs) who have been harassed by MDs who were in opposition to APRNs, both resisting and resenting their presence. Yet, trying to find a specialist in an outer Island can sometimes take many months. This delay in treatment deteriorates a potential good outcome for the patient. The end result is postponement of treatment and worsening disabilities with longer rehabilitations. In some cases – avoidable deaths that could have been avoided are not uncommon. They are the consequence of a broken health care system that seems to avoid our current state's demand for our growing population with adding more health care providers to fill the gaps of our current hospitals.

The United States is facing a health care crisis and Hawaii continues to be outdated with the current standards that exist in the majority of states in the mainland that employ APRNs in the hospital settings.

Please take into consideration the great turnover of physicians most Hawaii is currently facing. Please allow Nurse Practitioners to practice to the full extent of our education, training, and competence and eliminate the outdated regulations, organizational and cultural barriers that continue to limit our practice. The U.S. is transforming its health care system to provide quality care leading to improved health outcomes. Isn't it time, Hawaii ends the current egotistical game of Physicians vs. APRNs by embarking on placing patient care as a priority over the Physician/APRN hierarchy? Hawaii needs to maximize the number of providers within the Hawaii's health care system if we are to meet the demands of the people.

The current conflicts between what APRNs can do based on their education and training and what they may do according to state regulations must be resolved so that we can optimize in-patient care. Scope-of-practice regulations in Hawaii should reflect the full extent of APRNs proficiency within the hospital setting. Elimination of barriers for APRNs to practice in hospitals will maximize and improve patient care throughout the health care system that is currently in such need of repair.

Many of the patients I have seen in all three Islands return to the mainland when their illnesses turn grave, because of the lack of access they experienced when their health began to deteriorate or the fear of deteriorating because of the reputation this state has acquired with its current hospital care system. Isn't it time we turn this perception of Hawaii's health care around and make ourselves more accessible not only to the Hawaiian residents but to our visitors as well?

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL HB 484-RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES.

Dear Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 484, requiring hospitals to allow Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to practice within the full scope of their licensure.

Hawaii along with the rest of the nation is facing a shortage of qualified health care professionals, especially in rural areas. While the health care community is trying to determine how to attract and retain qualified providers, there are ways to fully utilize the existing resources we have here at our disposal. These resources, being the APRNs, are all ready here and practicing in our local health care communities.

For over twenty years APRNs have proven to have the educational background to safely practice within their specialties. APRNs provide direct patient care in many diversified settings ranging from hospitals to in home hospice care. While in these settings we have assumed the responsibility for the health maintenance as well as assessment, diagnosis, patient education, triage, counseling, and pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions.

I fully support this bill to require each hospital in the State licensed under section 321-14.5 to allow an APRN recognized as such under section 457-8.5 or a qualified APRN granted prescriptive authority under section 457-8.6 to practice within the full scope of practice authorized under chapter 457, including the function of a primary care provider.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 484.

Lauren Butcher RN, MSN, ANP-C

Date: March 31, 2011
To: Senate Consumer Protection Committee
Hearing Date: April 1 at 9:00 am in conference room 229
Re: House Bill 484 SD 2

I wish to testify in support of House Bill 484 SD 2.

I am a Clinical Nurse Specialist (hospital based, advance practice registered nurse -APRN) without Prescriptive Authority who has taken early retirement due to lack of opportunities in her specialty area. My interest lies in palliative care after 30 years of acute care bedside nursing in Critical Care as an RN, mostly at Hilo Medical Center (HMC) and teaching with University of Hawaii at Hilo's BSN program.

May I add a few specifics on barriers without repeating the good rationale offered by many of my peers on support of HB 484.

For example:

- The Hawaii Tribune Herald 03/30/2011 has helped to re-emphasized the needs of our islanders, reporting "Big Island unhealthiest in state" citing the barrier of distance (50 miles) to obtain medical care and we are missing the young generation with hidden costs, anticipated when it is too late for prevention.
- Community based NPs have numerous barriers with access when dealing with healthcare institutions which are MD based. The web-work becomes more convoluted as you look closer.
- Currently to my knowledge HMC divides APRNs into two categories on pay scale based on Prescriptive Privileges. In short to function "independently" as an APRN at HMC, one needs to already have their prescriptive privileges.
- The logistics of obtaining prescriptive privileges has multiple barriers, both institutional and financial. For example, if the position were offered by an institution like HMC in palliative care, a board certified APRN like myself would need to be mentored by an MD for 6 months before becoming eligible for Prescriptive Privileges which has additional financial and legal implications.

Hawaii needs to step up to the challenge of early prevention within the community and we need all your help in reducing barriers to practice for APRNs, both within and outside of healthcare establishments. Please support HB 484 and consider changing the date to now!

Thank you,

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Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:

I will not be present for testimony of HB No. 484 because I am the sole care provider at a remote clinic in west Kauai. I started this job on Feb 14, 2011 and due to the prescriptive limitations, the care I have been able to provide is not comprehensive. My scope is limited by the present prescribing laws for nurse practitioners.

Last week, my last patient of the day on Friday had a sinus infection with a cough that had caused him to be up all night. I was unable to prescribe him an effective prescription strength cough syrup with codeine, a commonly prescribed medication that I could not treat his symptoms with due to the prescribing laws for nurse practitioners. I don't think there would be any argument that treating a sinus infection is in my scope of practice, although I was unable to treat his symptoms effectively due to the prescriptive restrictions.

Because I cannot prescribe controlled substances, on Monday I could not prescribe Adderall for a patient with ADHD. Care and treatment for ADHD is in my scope of practice and I had previously treated ADHD with controlled medications in Minnesota for a ten year stretch before moving back to Kauai, which is my home. Although a first line treatment for ADHD is Adderall, I do not have the legal right to prescribe this medication. Because of this restriction, my scope of practice was questioned by the agency I recently started working for and there was a lag time of days before the patient could get the medication he needed. I find it ironic that treatment of this illness is in my scope of practice, but a first line treatment is not something I can legally prescribe for the patient. Days later, a doctor who never has seen the patient had to sign a prescription for this patient when he returned to work after a few days away from the clinic. This is a barrier to comprehensive care in a remote area where I am the sole provider. I do not work with a doctor.

Today I had a patient who is awaiting a CT scan for possible colon cancer. She is anxious and worried about the procedure and also the possibility of a shortened life. The doctor in the medical facility nearby had gone home when she asked me for a mild sedative so that she could rest and hopefully sleep after weeks of worrying and insomnia. I will wait until tomorrow to call a doctor to sign a prescription for a patient who is a complete stranger to him, but more importantly she will have to endure another sleepless night.

Several years ago, I fulfilled all of the requirements to prescribe as a nurse practitioner in Hawaii. I took the required classes (beyond the credits in

pharmacology that I completed in graduate school) which covered prescribe controlled and legend drugs. I still am not able to prescribe controlled substances even though I am one of the vey few primary care providers on Kauai.

Informing patients that I cannot prescribe controlled substances is sometimes a smooth way out of a difficult situation, because we all know that drug seeking is not uncommon. To say "I cannot legally prescribe this medication for you" is clearly a deterrent for a drug seeking individual which, clearly, is easier than assessing a patient and planning care for a patient with an addiction.

The organization I work for offers a sliding scale fee if a patient is deemed ineligible for Medicare and Medicaid. There is no other organization on this island that provides care at an expense calculated by the individual or family income. This barrier that can result in incomplete care is not conducive to affordable and accessible patient care, only because of the restrictive prescribing rights that have been in place for nurse practitioners in Hawaii.

Please consider the important legislation in H.B. No. 484 that, if passed, will allow all patients access to high quality affordable comprehensive primary care that is not restricted by laws that currently limit the care, comfort and functionality for people who need and deserve great primary care, regardless of where they reside in the United States of America.

Thank you for your attention to this very important legislation, H.B. No. 484, that, if passed, will expand complete affordable health care services to remote areas of the nation.

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Comments:

Aloha,

I highly support HB484SD2. I am a board certified advance practice nurse with over 25 years experience as a nurse practitioner in various settings including the U.S. Navy. This bill will allow advance practice nurses to provide care and thus improve access to care for people in need of health services in Hawaii. Providing full scope of practice to advance practice nurses will improve patient access to timely care.

Thank you for your consideration in support of HB484SD2.

Yours truly,

Lauren Rodier, APRN-BC, MSN, FNP

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Comments:

Aloha Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Consumer Protection Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of HB484, relating to Hospitals and Advance Practice Nurses, as written in the proposed HB484SD2.

This bill protects consumers by allowing them increased access to primary care services by APRNs, preventing unnecessary costly exacerbations of chronic illnesses due to lengthy waits for physician primary care appointments. This bill also removes a barrier to APRN Prescriptive Authority, the Exclusionary Formulary and it's Advisory Committee, by amending the Nurse Practice Act. The formulary is unnecessary an over-regulation, and the committee has historically been dysfunctional. This bill is congruent with the intent of Act 169, passed by the Legislature in the 2009 session.

For these reasons, I stand in STRONG SUPPORT of HB484 as written the the proposed HB484SD2.

Wailua Brandman APRN-Rx BC
Immediate Past President Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses

Clinical Director
Ke`ena Mauliola Nele Paia LLC

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Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:

I am in strong support of HB 484. Inequalities related to cultural identity, and socioeconomic status still pervade the American health care system across many clinical conditions including mental health, substance abuse, hepatitis and HIV disease. It has been my experience that APRNs increase the quality and years of healthy life and promote equity in healthcare by eliminating health disparities by gender, cultural identity, education, income and disability.

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Comments:

House Bill 484 will allow APRNs (Advance Practice Registered Nurses) otherwise commonly known as nurse practitioners, to practice to their full scope in hospitals and result in better coordinated care for our patients and utilize our health care workforce to the full extent of their training. Currently, laws prevent nurse practitioners from doing all that we are trained to do - which limits access to advanced care.

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Comments:

I request you to support this measure to allow Nurse Practitioners to practice the entire scope of their abilities in hospitals. This will result in better coordinated care for Hawaii's patients and utilize our health care workforce to the full extent of their training.

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Comments:

I support HB 484 SD 2 as it recognizes the important resource in the APRN to providing valuable high quality healthcare to the people of Hawaii - when they are able to practice to the highest level allowable by law.

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Comments:

Greetings Committee Members,

I am a local business owner concerned about health care service shortages and health care cost overages. I urge you, honorable committee members, to vote in support of HB484.

Thank you,
Jimmy Dutton

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Comments:

This bill will allow APRNs to practice to their full scope in hospitals and result in better coordinated care for our patients. Hawaii will utilize our health care workforce to the full extent of their education and experience, providing increased access to care for the people of Hawaii.