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HB 484 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

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

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist(CRNA), one of many Advanced Practice Registered Nurse(APRN) specialties in the State of Hawai'i. I support bill HB484 because there are employers in Hawai'i, through policy and procedures, preventing APRNs from providing much needed services to our community. Landmark findings from the Institute of Medicine(IOM) assert that the expanding role of nurses in the US Healthcare system will help meet the growing need for medical services. The IOM is a non-profit organization chaired by Donna Shalala, former Secretary of Health and Human Services, that provides independent, objective, evidence-based advice to policymakers. The IOM urges policymakers to remove policy barriers that hinder nurses from practicing to the full extent of their education and training. Please pass this bill to help to ensure Hawaii citizens get the full access to quality care that is vital to them.

Sincerely,

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IN SUPPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to support equality in the health care marketplace and in health care delivery.

Hospitals are for the patients not for the benefit of a medical monopoly. The AMA was busted by the FTC over 50 years ago for restraining other health care professions. This was and is a Federal crime. Marketplace analysis demonstrated that busting the AMA health care monopoly enhanced both cost containment and the development of new and innovative health care services.

The AMA monopoly had been doing the opposite, driving up health care costs and stagnating health care services. The Hawaii Medical Association has had the same effect in Hawaii, driving up health care costs and stagnating health care services. Of course, free speech rights are a basic freedom, but using one's free speech to bring about Federal FTC violations is still a Federal crime. If that lobbying effort and testimony brings about a restraint of trade then it remains a Federal Violation. State Law mirrors Federal FTC law.

Furthermore, Article IX requires you to "protect and promote public health". The power to restrict health care services is not Constitutional on the State or Federal Level.

Furthermore, using the licensing laws to discriminate, harming one profession and helping another is a further misuse of the regulatory laws and may be a violation of HRS 26H.

This bill does not go far enough since it seeks to benefit only one industry making this a Constitutional Question since we found out that benefiting only one industry is a constitutional violation.

The bill should simply require Hospitals to be open to all licensed health care providers to serve and benefit the public health and the patients of Hawaii within the scope of their expertise and practice.

Dr. Myron Berney, ND LAc.

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January 28, 2011

The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Re: HB 484 – Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of HB 484 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 are the APRNs already practicing in our local health care community.

HB 484 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. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD".

Jennifer Diesman
Vice President
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January 26, 2011

Aloha Honorable Representatives and Representative Marilyn Lee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 484 regarding allowing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to take care of patients to the full scope of their practice.

Hawaii has made significant steps in updating practice acts and regulations to ensure that Hawaii's APRNs are best able to safely and effectively care for our residents. However, outdated policies, procedures, and regulations still remain. The area of hospital-based care one of these areas. This Bill is important for Hawaii's people because:

1. Due to lack of providers and gaps in access to health care in our rural and underserved areas of Hawaii, APRNs are stepping up to serve as primary care providers thus helping meet gaps in Hawaii's healthcare system.
2. Our expanded practice role allow APRN's to serve as primary care providers and thus we are able to evaluate patients, order & interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose, initiate & manage treatments, and prescribe medications, like our physician colleagues.
3. Rural and community health centers clinics like Lanai depend on APRN's as their primary care providers. Our patients face challenges, delays, and increased costs when APRNs are unable to practice to the full scope of their licensure in hospital systems.

Mahalo in advance for your consideration of these issues and I ask your support to move this legislation forward.

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Comments:

I am an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and I support this bill because there are employers in Hawai'i that through policy and procedure prevent APRNs from providing primary care services to our community.

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Comments:
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