

HB 484

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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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 Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing

("Board") and 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. 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 written testimony on House Bill No. 484.

HMSA



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March 18, 2011

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Health

Re: **HB 484** – Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara 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 is 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", with a long horizontal flourish 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.

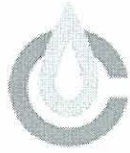
Health care consumes about 17% of the gross domestic product, and the health care inflation rate is much greater than the overall inflation rate. Health care providers have been searching for alternatives that can hold down costs while maintaining the quality of care, and the increased use of APRNs is 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.



Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health
March 18, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

By

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

HB 484 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill, HB 484, (companion bill was SB 38) requiring each hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within ("APRN") the full scope of the practice.

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.

The Hawaii State Center for 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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Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nisihara, ViceChair

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Re: **HB 484** RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Chairs and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association would like to offer support for the Healthcare Association of Hawaii's proposed amendment:

"§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 provide this testimony.

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Before:
Senate Committee on Health
The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
The Honorable Clarence K Nishihara, Vice Chair

March 18, 2011
3:00 pm
Conference Room 229

Re: HB 484 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Chair Green and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB484 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 better 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 may be 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 address 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.”**

We are also aware of a similar amendment being proposed by the Healthcare Association of Hawaii which would address our concern and the concerns of other hospitals that they be able to credential APRNs. We would support this amendment also.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health

by

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Campus College Chair, Nursing
University of Phoenix, Hawaii campus
March 16, 2011

HB 484 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the House Committee on Health:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill, HB 484, requiring each hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within ("APRN") the full scope of the practice.

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 nonpharmacologic 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 15 years.

The University of Phoenix, Hawaii campus College of 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 Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted by: Lenora Lorenzo DNPc, APRN, FNP
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Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:
Aloha,

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.

In the last few years, Hawai'i has made significant steps in updating practice acts and regulations to ensure that Hawai'i's APRNs are best able to safely and effectively care for our residents. However, a few pockets of outdated policies, procedures and regulations still remain. The area of institution or hospital-based care one of these areas.

Here is why this update is good for Hawaii:

APRNS are vital players in Hawaii's healthcare system.

We evaluate patients, order & interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose, initiate & manage treatments, and prescribe medications

Many NPs serve in primary care and have patients that need in-patient treatments that NPs are equipped and qualified to provide

Our patients face challenges, delays and increased costs when APRNs are unable to practice to the full scope of their licensure.

expanding. Hawaii needs regulations that allow us to meet today's

patient needs and plan for tomorrow in ways that ensure patient safety
through continuity of care and effective resource utilization.

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

Lenora Lorenzo
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Submitted by: Yvonne Geesey
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Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for hearing HB 484. Making this bill law 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.

Yvonne Geesey
Hawai`i Association of Professional Nurses Legislative Chair

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Submitted by: Yvonne Geesey
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Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for hearing HB 484. Making this bill law 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.

Yvonne Geesey
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
Hawai'i State Representative

Aloha. My name is Lauren Rodier. I have been an advanced practice registered nurse for over 25 years in many settings, including the U.S. Navy. I currently work in Honolulu. I am requesting your support of HB 484. Allowing nurse practitioners full scope of practice will improve access to health care in all of Hawaii. This is especially important with the ongoing physician shortage. Research has shown that outcomes of care from advanced practice registered nurses have been equal to the physician community. A nurse practitioner should be able to practice to the full scope of training and education within state regulations. Advantages of support for HB 484 include improved access and cost-savings through effective use of this workforce.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

I would like The Legislature to know how important this bill is. This would allow Nurse Practitioners to be utilized to their full capacity. I have been in the position where it would have been very helpful for me to write orders for a patient, especially when the physician on-call was not returning the staff calls for orders. This would not only protect the patient, but provide the optimum level of care that we, as health care providers, all want to have available to our patients.

This bill would allow APRNs to be credentialed into hospitals and improve the ability for us to find employment other than in private clinics or home health facilities. With Hawaii having difficulty in their rural hospitals finding permanent physician staff, and the cost to fly over hospitalists from the mainland as contract employees, would be solved with a resource that is all ready present and available in the State of Hawaii.

As APRNs we all have to be Board Certified by a national credentialing board, like physicians, as well as keep our continuing education credits up to date to renew our certification, like physicians. We have the education of master's degree level along with national board certification and we have earned the right to be considered a valuable colleague to physicians in the medical profession. Let us practice as equals.

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Comments:

APRN's are prepared to practice based on their license. It is discriminatory to disallow them because they are nurses and not MD's. Rural hospitals especially need their expertise.



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please pass House Bill 484, scheduled to be heard by the Senate Health Committee on March 18, 2011.

It is essential that APRNs work to their full scope of practice in order to serve the health care needs of the public of Hawaii.

Thanking you in advance.

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

Elizabeth Bush, MSN, APRN, CARN-AP, CSAC
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Certified Addiction Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice
Certified Substance Abuse Counselor

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Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

This bill supports the intention of the Legislature's Act 169 from the 2009 session, to provide increased access to health care for the citizens of the state of Hawai'i. That bill requires all insurance companies to recognize APRNs as Primary Care Providers (PCPs). It has come to our attention that some hospitals have made agreements with certain insurance companies to deny APRNs PCP status due to hospital policy. Specifically, a brittle diabetic patient needed to see a PCP where an APRN was employed (hired to function as a PCP but denied that role). The patient was told that the earliest appointment with an MD was 6 months away, while the APRN was available for an appointment within days. The patient ended up in the hospital with a diabetic crisis because they could not access the care they needed immediately, while an APRN was immediately available. This is unconscionable and cannot be allowed to continue in Hawai'i. We have made tremendous strides to remove the barriers to APRN care in the past 3 sessions, however there are still pockets of resistance we need to clean up, and this is one of them. Please pass this bill. I stand in strong support of HB484. Mahalo for your support.

Wailua Brandman APRN-Rx BC
Ke`ena Mauliola Nele Paia LLC
Immediate Past President Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses.
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please support House Bill 484.

Feleai Tau

From: Leon Luce [lsluce1@gmail.com]
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Subject: Bill 484

Dear Senators

I am writing in support of HB 484 which mandates the hospitals of Hawaii to utilize APRNs to the full extent possible. Safety is not an issue as APRNs have a strong track record of safe practice in Hawaii with no major professional failures since the expansion of nurse practice to the advanced level. In light of the needs in geriatric health care and the expanding demands of the health service industry, I believe that it is essential the State of Hawaii move forward and mandate effective use of all health care resources both in the in-patient and out-patient setting.

Mahalo

Leon Luce
Papaikou, HI