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SB 38 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, SB 38, requiring each hospital within the State to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within ("APRN") the full scope of the practice.

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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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The Senate
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, State of Hawaii
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Committee on Health

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

February 9, 2011

S.B. 38 - RELATING TO ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO supports S.B. 38 - Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. The bill, as proposed, would grant advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) their full scope of practice, including prescriptive authority and the function of a primary care provider.

Considering the shortage of primary care providers in certain areas of the State, it is logical to ensure that APRNs are allowed to use their skills to the fullest extent that their practice will allow.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 38.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

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Comments:
Please limit this bill to APRNs who are NOT employed by the hospital.

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PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF NURSING

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Wednesday, February 9, 2011
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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 38, 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 Senate Bill No. 38, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. This bill proposes to allow an advanced practice registered nurse ("APRN") who meet 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 them to receive the same benefits as other primary care providers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill No. 38. I am available to answer any questions you may have.

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

February 9, 2011
2:45 pm
Conference Room 229

Re: SB 38 Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Chair, Vice Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 38 that would require hospitals to allow advanced practice registered nurses to practice within the full scope of the practice.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii does not support it in this form, but offers an amendment.

Kaiser Permanente recognizes the high value of its advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) within its integrated healthcare delivery system, and the exceptional care they provide to Kaiser's members. However, a distinguishing factor under Kaiser's delivery system is that Kaiser's APRN's scope of practice is defined within their scope of employment.

Kaiser sometimes hires APRNs to work in positions that do not, by design, utilize their full scope but fill existing needs. The APRN who accepts such a position does so with the knowledge of the requirements and limitations outlined in their job description. We suggest the following amendment to address these circumstances:

On page 1, line 11, add to the last sentence the phrase "**unless limited by the terms of their employment.**"

Therefore, § 323 shall now read:

§ 3 2 3 - 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