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Comments:
Consumer Protection Committee
Senator Rosalyn Baker Chair
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Honorable Chairpersons and Committee Members:

As a nurse practicing at Kaiser Permanente Moanalua Medical Center, I work closely with excellent PAs. We care for patients as members of a team and as colleagues.

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I ask for your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Schultz, RN, CCRN-CSC

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I am a staff nurse on the Cardiovascular Unit (CVICU) at Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center. I work daily with two Physician Assistants (Cardiothoracic Service & Vascular Service). They both are excellent providers and are vital members of the healthcare team. It is important that the nurses are able to take orders from the P.A.s in order to provide safe and timely care for the patients when the surgeons are not available. Patient care requires a team approach with the nurses, physician assistants, surgeons, and internal medicine and critical care physicians.

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