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To: The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Health

From: Marilyn Lee, Representative 38th District *my*

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 2103 SD2

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

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2103 SD2, which amends the definition of the "practice of nursing as a registered nurse" in Section 457-2 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes by adding the requirement that practical and registered nurses carry out the orders of a physician that are delivered through a physician assistant acting as an agent of the supervising physician.

I am in support of the bill because it clarifies that the physician assistant acts as the physician's conduit who conveys the physician's orders to the registered nurse and that at no time is the physician assistant acting independently.

Further, I respectfully request that you consider adopting the amendments proposed by the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing which will bring Hawai'i in sync with the rest of the Nation and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Consensus Model.