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**Tuesday – March 13, 2012 – 9:00am**  
**Conference Room 329**

### **The House Committee on Health**

To: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone  
Chief Nurse Executive  
Chief Operating Officer – Straub Clinic & Hospital

**Re: SB 2182 RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING Testimony in Strong Support**

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My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer for Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 49 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

We are writing in strong support of SB 2182 Relating to the Center for Nursing which makes permanent the assessment and deposit of center for nursing fees into the compliance resolution fund and distribution of those funds to credit of the center for nursing special fund.

The Legislature in its wisdom established the Hawai'i State Center For Nursing (HSCFN) in 2003. Since then the Center has provided education, service, and research through collaborative leadership. The Center has become the hub of nursing information and research that ultimately will benefit the people of Hawai'i. The HSCFN should be perpetuated as it has become a leader in workforce planning, nursing research, and professional practice in the State. Stakeholders recognize the HSCFN as the source of reliable information on existing and emerging trends in nursing.

The repeal of the Center fees would in essence cause the demise of the HSCFN as the fee is its main source of funding. Therefore, Hawai'i Pacific Health supports passage of SB 2182.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

House Committee on Health

**Re: SB 2182 – Relating to the Center for Nursing**

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 SB 2182. This Bill will make permanent the deposit of the University of Hawaii's Center for Nursing fees into the Compliance Resolution Fund specifically for use by the Center for Nursing.

HMSA believes in the importance of improving our local health care resources, such as the UH Center for Nursing. In 2006, the HMSA Foundation contributed \$105,000 to help match a \$250,000 Robert Wood Johnson grant to participate in the Partners in Nursing Futures initiative. This was a cooperative effort to increase and enhance the skilled nursing workforce for Hawaii for which the University's Center for Nursing continues to play a critical role.

We appreciate your allowing us to testify in support of SB 2182 and in support of the Center for Nursing. Allowing the Center for Nursing to retain its revenues for the Center's operations reflects an investment of those who participate in the Center's program into the Center's success.

Sincerely,

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

Jennifer Diesman  
Vice President  
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