

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2014

Monday, February 24, 2014  
2:10 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2099, H.D. 1, RELATING TO ADVANCED  
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2099, H.D. 1, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, that would amend sections in various Hawaii Revised Statutes to enable advanced practice registered nurses to practice to the full extent of their training and education.

The Board supports this bill, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2099, H.D. 1.



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House Bill 2099, HD1 - Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) administers the Disabled Persons Parking Program for the State of Hawaii. One of the proposed amendments relates to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 291, Part III in sections 5 and 6 of the bill, authorizing APRNs to sign the certification form for the Disabled Persons Parking permit.

The purpose of this bill is to expand the practice of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) in the State of Hawaii.

DCAB supports the intent of sections 5 and 6 of the bill and has no comment on the other sections of the bill.

We have met with the representatives of the APRNs have been assured that the APRNs have a license number that will allow us to track and validate per our database.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG  
Chairperson  
Legislative Committee

FRANCINE WAI  
Executive Director



Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
February 12, 2014 8:30 a.m.  
by  
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HB 2099, HD1 RELATING TO NURSING

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 2099, HD1.

The Hawaii State Center for Nursing greatly appreciates this Committee's review of the existing state laws and strongly supports HB 2099, HD1. This measure specifically identifies obsolete laws that have anticompetitive effects which create barriers to consumer access to high quality Consumer Protection and Commerce care provided by APRNs. These barriers include, but are not limited to, laws which require supervision by or collaboration with another Consumer Protection and Commerce care provider, lacks provider neutral language (recognizes physician as the only provider), and prohibit or limit institutional privileges.

In 2011, the Hawaii State Legislature, in its wisdom, adopted the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's APRN Consensus Model. Together with the changes proposed in HB 2099, HD1 APRNs in Hawaii will be better able to provide quality Consumer Protection and Commerce care to patients in all circumstances to the full extent of their education and training<sup>1</sup>. HB 2099, HD1 will help to align these obsolete laws with the barrier-breaking Hawai'i legislation passed between 2009-2011<sup>2</sup>.

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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
February 24, 2014, 2:10 p.m.  
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**Monday – February 24, 2014 – 2:10pm**  
**Conference Room 325**

**The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

To: Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

From: George Greene  
President & CEO  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**  
**HB 2099, HD 1 — Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is a 116-member organization that includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, the majority of long term care facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospice programs, as well as other healthcare organizations including durable medical equipment, air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2099, HD 1, which would improve patient access to medical care by clarifying the circumstances under which advanced practice registered nurses may practice their profession to the fullest extent of their training and education.

Various sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes omit advanced practice registered nurses from the definitions or designations of health care entities who may provide health care, prescribe drugs, or sign forms. These outdated statutes should be amended to authorize increased participation by advanced practice registered nurses, recognizing appropriately trained advanced practice registered nurses as primary care providers.

By authorizing increased participation by advanced practice registered nurses in certain circumstances, especially with regard to global signature authority, HB 2099, HD 1 will enable improved access to health care services, expedite the processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for Hawaii patients, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2099, HD 1 .

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**HB2099**

Submitted on: 2/18/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Kawasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please continue to pass this bill through the system. It is imperative APRN's be allowed to function to their full potential so that they are able to impact the health care shortage of providers.

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### **HB2099**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Beverly LG Inocencio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2099. This bill makes state law consistent with barrier-breaking legislation passed in recent years by the legislature. By authorizing APRN signatures on many important forms related to patient care, this bill will allow APRNs to “treat the paperwork” that reflects the care they provide. Please pass HB 2099 out of committee. Thank you.

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**HB2099**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roxann Rowe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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### HB2099

Submitted on: 2/21/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Representatives, In keeping with the Institute of Medicine's Report on the Status of Nursing and the tenants of the Patient Protection, Affordable Care Act, this measure will allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to practice to the fullest extent of their scope of practice. As a Nurse Practitioner, I can attest this will not impair anyone else in providing care (and making a living), but it will provide expanded primary care to the people of Hawai'i. I strongly support this Bill and encourage you to pass it today.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members: please consider modernizing our statutes to authorize Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to "treat the paperwork" as well as treat our patients. mahalo! Yvonne Geesey JD, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

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