

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

Monday, February 25, 2013  
2:30 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 79, 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 Matthew Bishop, Chair of the Board of Nursing (“Board”).

I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 79, H.D. 1, Relating to  
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

The Board supports the bill. This bill clarifies the language relating to  
APRN educational requirements to be consistent with the National Council of  
State Boards of Nursing’s consensus model (“Model”).

The Board supports the bill language on page 2, line 8, to delete the  
effective date of October 1, 2009, and also supports the language on page  
2, line 21 to page 3, line 3, which would clarify the education requirement for  
APRN licensure, consistent with the Model.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 79, H.D. 1.



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## Legislative Testimony

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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Monday, February 25, 2013, 2:30 P.M.

by

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Dean and Professor  
School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene  
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and

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School of Nursing  
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

### HB 79 HD1 – RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

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 79, HD1.

This measure amends Section 457-8.5(a) by adding clarifying language relating to APRN educational requirements consistent with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's APRN Consensus Model (Consensus Model).

The legislature passed barrier-breaking measures (Act 169, SLH 2009; Act 57, SLH 2010; Act 110, SLH 2011) which included amendments to provisions relating to nurse/APRN licensure, certification, and education components, as well as accreditation standards for professional nursing programs, which are part of the Consensus Model.

The UH Mānoa School of Nursing and UH Hilo School of Nursing supports this amendment and also supports the proposed amendment to Section 457-8.5(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, by:

- Deleting: "leading to a master's degree as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist, or a nurse practitioner"
- Adding: "preparing the nurse for one of the four recognized APRN roles"

Currently nurses can only be recognized as APRNs if they have a master's degree in nursing. Nursing education is moving to a post baccalaureate doctorate of nursing practice pathway that removes the need for a master's degree. The current language is restrictive and precludes nurses who earn their doctor of nursing practice (DNP) and

other nationally recognized clinical doctorates in nursing from eligibility for licensure in Hawai'i. This directly impacts DNP graduates of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and University of Hawai'i at Hilo. The master's degree requirement impedes licensure of APRNs with clinical doctorates in nursing degrees that relocate to Hawai'i. Amending Section 457-8.5(a)(4) will put Hawai'i in alignment with the rest of the country and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Consensus Model.

We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**Monday, February 25, 2013 – 2:30 pm**  
**Conference Room 325**

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

To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Derek Kawakami, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone RN MBA  
Chief Nurse Executive – Hawai'i Pacific Health  
Chief Operating Office – Straub Clinic & Hospital

**Re: HB 79, HD1 Relating To Advanced Practice Registered Nurses  
Testimony in Support**

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My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer at 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, 44 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, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state.

I am writing in support of HB 79, HD1 which amends section 457-8.5(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes by recognizing the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's advanced practice registered nurse consensus model and clarifies language relating to advanced practice registered nurse education requirements consistent with that consensus model.

The legislature passed barrier-breaking measures (Act 169, SLH 2009; Act 57, SLH 2010 BS Act 110, SLH 2011) which included amendments to provisions relating to nurse/APRN licensure, certification, and education components, as well as accreditation standards for professional nursing programs, which are part of the Consensus Model. HB 79 recognizes the title of the model, "NCSBN APRN Consensus Model for the purpose of clarification and to facilitate understanding of Section 457-8.5, HRS.

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE  
Rep. Angus McKelvey, Chair

February 25, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.  
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**Supporting HB 79 HD 1: Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 40,000 people. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 79 HD 1, which recognizes that any accredited graduate program for advance practice registered nurses (APRNs) would satisfy the educational requirement for licensing as an APRN.

Currently in Hawaii, nurses may be licensed as APRNs only if they have a Master's degree in nursing. This bill allows nurses who have a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) or other nationally recognized clinical doctorates in nursing to be licensed as APRNs. They would be allowed to practice only within the scope of their training. This bill is consistent with the laws of other states.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 79 HD 1.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kathy Yokouchi	Hawaii State Center for Nursing	Support	Yes

Comments: In very strong support.

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By  
Barbara Molina Kooker  
Vice Chair, Hawai`i State Center for Nursing

**HB 79, HD1, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 79, HD1. This measure amends Section 457-8.5(a) by adding language consistent with the *National Council of State Boards of Nursing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Consensus Model (Consensus Model)*.

The Hawai`i State Center for Nursing (Center for Nursing) supports the amendment to Section 457-8.5(a)(4), Hawai`i Revised Statutes, by:

- Deleting: “leading to a master’s degree as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist, or a nurse practitioner”
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Currently nurses can only be recognized as APRNs if they have a Master’s degree in nursing. This precludes nurses who earn their Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and other nationally recognized clinical doctorates in nursing. This directly impacts DNP graduates of the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene and University of Hawai`i at Hilo School of Nursing. The Master’s degree requirement impedes other states’ APRNs with clinical doctorates in nursing degrees. Amending Section 457-8.5(a)(4) will put Hawai`i in sync with the rest of the Nation and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Consensus Model.

The Center for Nursing appreciates your continuing support of nursing and commerce in Hawai`i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





# Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

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By

Deborah B Gardner PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN  
Executive Director  
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

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Beth Hoban, RN  
President, Prime Care Services Hawaii

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American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawai'i Chapter

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

DATE: Monday, February 25, 2013

TIME: 2:30 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 325

**RE: Testimony in SUPPORT OF HB 79, HD1, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.**

On behalf of the Hawai'i Chapter, American Organization of Nurse Executives ("AONE-Hawaii"), thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of HB 79, HD1, relating to advanced practice registered nurses.

This measure would change the degree requirement for advanced practice registered nurse recognition from a master's degree in nursing to a graduate degree in nursing. We believe that this measure is important to the delivery of quality healthcare services in our state.

AONE Hawai'i is a non-profit professional organization serving more than 100 member Nurse Executives throughout Hawai'i and is an affiliate of AONE National, which has over 7,000 members nationwide. Our mission is to be the principle membership organization that represents and promotes the profession of Nurse Executives in the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. If we can assist with more information please contact us at (808) 447-1840 or [aonehawaii@gmail.com](mailto:aonehawaii@gmail.com).

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by

Dr. Linda Beechinor, APRN

**HB 79, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING**

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I support the amendment to Section 457-8.5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, by:

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By

Denise Cohen

## **HB 79 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING**

Aloha Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Derek Kawakami and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 79.

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The legislature passed barrier-breaking measures (Act 169, SLH 2009; Act 57, SLH 2010 BS Act 110, SLH 2011) which included amendments to provisions relating to nurse/APRN licensure, certification, and education components, as well as accreditation standards for professional nursing programs, which are part of the Consensus Model.

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I appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

By

Kathleen Sassi MSN APRN Public Health CNS-BC FNP

DNP Student

Assistant Professor of Nursing College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Hawai'i Pacific University

2/25/2013, 2:30 PM.

**HB79 HD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING**

Honorable 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 79, HD1. Thank you also for your dedication to public service and attention to these issues that make a positive difference in large numbers of peoples' lives over time. My name is Kathleen Sassi and I am a Public Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, as well as a Family Nurse Practitioner- which means I have 2 master's degrees in advanced practice nursing, (one with a population public health focus, and one with an individual/family focus), and I am licensed in the state of Hawai'i. I am also a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) student, and an assistant professor of nursing. Doctorate of Nursing Practice programs are designed to prepare Advanced Practice Nurses like myself to better care for both individuals and families, communities and priority populations, as well as to better teach and prepare more RNs and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse providers. DNP programs may also have students go straight through (as medical students do) by requiring more clinical hours (for students who are not already master's prepared), and in either case, graduates are more prepared, not less prepared, than students with a master's degree. That is why consensus was reached on this issue as the state boards of nursing nationwide continue to address the issue that tens of thousands of qualified nursing school applicants are still turned away every year, and the demand for RNs and APRNs will grow as the population ages, and also as more people can actually afford primary preventive care because of increased coverage.

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Currently nurses can only be licensed as APRNs in Hawai'i if they have a master's degree in nursing, excluding recognition of nurses who earn their Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and other nationally recognized clinical doctorates in nursing. This directly impacts DNP graduates of the UHM SONDH Manoa and UH Hilo School of Nursing. The master's degree requirement impedes reciprocity for other states' APRNs with clinical doctorate degrees in nursing.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing recently reported that all states except Hawaii accept a graduate degree instead of a master's degree language in the laws for APRN licensure /certification. Amending Section 457-8.5(a)(4) will put Hawai'i in sync with the rest of the Nation and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Consensus Model.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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by

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HB 79, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED 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 79, HD1.

The new language in Section 2 of this bill requests nurse licensees to complete the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (“Center for Nursing”) survey for biennial nurse license renewal. Ideally, requiring this survey would have resulted in 100% participation.

However, \_\_\_\_\_ supports the collaboration between the Center for Nursing and the HBON/PVLD to remove any concern with nonparticipation, including the Center’s agreement that the survey should be requested rather than required for now as part of the license renewal process.

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends that Section 2 of this measure be amended by deleting the last sentence, “For the purposes of compliance with this section, the Center for Nursing shall abide by the requirements of Chapter 92F.” The Center for Nursing is already governed by chapter 92F, the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) and seems to imply otherwise.

In Section 3 of this measure, the UH Manoa Nursing recommends that the word “required” in the new language to amend Section 457-9(b) be deleted and “requests”, be added the purpose of consistency.

Further HB 654, HD1 addresses Hawai’i’s lack of a central source of communication

through which all nurses licensed in the State can contribute to and receive information on practice/regulatory changes, state/federal initiatives and nursing research to assure quality nursing care. Hawaii has not consistently participated in national workforce data surveys or responded to requests in a timely manner. As the Nation moves forward with health care reform, the lack of participation by the state of Hawai'i will have consequences for policy formation and resource allocation.

Nurses need to contribute to and be apprised of changes before they can embrace them; whether they are amendments to their nurse practice laws; effects of national/state initiatives on nursing such as the Affordable Care Act; establishment of a continuing education program for continuing competency and lifelong learning; or other issues.

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Before change can occur, nurses must be informed of changes to their laws, current research data and government directives in a timely, cost-effective manner. This can be accomplished via email, webinars, other social media.

Should the DCCA collaborate with the Center for Nursing as sister state agencies, we can obtain synergistic, cost-efficient results including but not limited to participation in and alignment with the national initiatives moving forward to address health care reform.

Relief is needed from the current position of the Professional & Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs not to collaborate with the Hawaii State Center for Nursing to resolve this problem.

\_\_\_\_\_ appreciates your continuing support of nursing and commerce in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

February 23, 2013 3:43 p.m.

By Lynda A Hiramami MSN APRN FNP-BC

HB 79, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING

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This measure amends Section 457-8.5(a) by adding clarifying language relating to APRN educational requirements consistent with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Consensus Model (Consensus Model).

I, Lynda Hiramami, support the amendment to Section 457-8.5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, by:

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**kawakami2 - Rise**

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Thomas H Joslyn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the amendment to request a survey not require. I believe that is new new wording. Thanks you for allowing my testimony.

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