



H. B. 79, HD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
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Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of H.B. 79, HD1 Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nursing. My name is Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer with The Queen's Medical Center (QMC). This measure amends Section 457-8.5(a) by recognizing the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's APRN Consensus Model (Model) and clarifying language relating to APRN educational requirements consistent with that Model.

The legislature has historically passed barrier-breaking measures 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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The National Council of State Boards of Nursing recently reported that all states except Hawaii accepts a graduate degree instead of a masters degree language in their 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.

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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 APRN Consensus Model* (Consensus Model).

I support the amendment to Section 457-8.5(a)(4), Hawaii 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”

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I appreciate your continuing support of nursing and commerce in Hawai’i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: We support this measure. Mahalo

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