



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

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Conference Room 329

**Supporting HB 79: 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, which recognizes the standards in the National Council of State Boards of Nursing consensus model for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) regulation.

The Legislature passed Act 169 in 2009, Act 57 in 2010, and Act 110 in 2011, each of which were designed to expand the practice of APRNs within the scope of their training. These Acts recognize that APRNs are qualified to perform a larger role in delivering quality health care to the people of Hawaii in a cost-effective manner. For example, many rural areas of Hawaii suffer from a shortage of primary care physicians, and APRNs can be used to improve access to care in these areas.

However, the statute that recognizes APRNs can be made more effective. For example, currently only nurses with master's degrees may be recognized as APRNs. This bill also allows those with doctorate degrees to be recognized as APRNs. In doing so, this bill expands the number of APRNs who may practice in Hawaii.

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



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Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association  
February 13, 2013

H.B. 79 - RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE  
REGISTERED NURSES

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 79, which proposes to amend 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 educational requirements consistent with that consensus model. The purpose of this Act is to add language to existing law to recognize the National Council of State Boards of Nursing consensus model for advanced practice registered nurse regulation and to change the degree requirement from a master's degree in nursing to a graduate degree in nursing.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for H.B. 79.

Respectfully submitted,



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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
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February 12, 2013

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

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 79.

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 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.

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



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**H. B. 79, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING**  
**House Committee on Health**  
**February 13, 2013, 8:30 a.m.**  
**Room 329**

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of H.B. 798, 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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## Legislative Testimony

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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:

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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.

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By

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Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 79. My name is Lyle K. Oshita, I am a registered nurse and first year nursing graduate student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (SONDH).

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