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| Rebecca Keolanui | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments: As a professional organization, the Hawaii Association of Marriage and Family Therapists would benefit by members being required to maintain current knowledge of trends and developments in their field of expertise.

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March 25, 2013

TO: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
Representative Rida T. R. Cabanilla
Representative Mele Carroll
Representative Jo Jordan
Representative Bert Kobayashi
Representative Justin Woodson
Representative Lauren Kealohilani Cheape

March 27, 2013 10:00 am Conference Room 329

FROM: Teresa Lathrop, M.S., M.F.T.; AAMFT Hawaii Division Past President

RE: HCR 199/ HR 160 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists -
SUPPORT

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair, and members of the House Committee on Health, I am Joy Quick. I am a Hawaii licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support HCR 199 and HR 160 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

I strongly support this resolution for the following reasons:

- Continuing education increases the knowledge base and competency levels of marriage and family therapy professionals.
- Continuing education requirements ensure that licensed marriage and family therapists have access to best practices and innovations in the field of marriage and family therapy and can continue to provide quality services to an array of clients.
- Continuing education opportunities will continue to be available statewide via in-person webinars, and teleconferences by approved providers.
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- **Marriage and Family Therapists** provide critical services in prevention, intervention, and treatment to a broad spectrum of clientele.
- **Consumer Protection:** Requiring continuing education courses for marriage and family therapists who are renewing their licenses will give assurance to Hawaii's consumers that marriage and family therapists are current with the latest developments in their field.

I urge your favorable consideration of HCR 199/HR 160. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

March 22, 2013

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FROM: Virginia Jones, MFT, LMHC, NCC, CSAC, SAP
AAMFT Hawaii Division Board Member

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