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**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

January 31, 2013, 1:15 PM, Conference Room 016

**Strong support for SB200, Relating to Continuing Education for Social Workers**

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair, Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair, and members of the committee.

Consider that every state in the nation except Colorado and Hawaii require continuing education. In this era of economic crisis it seems prudent to require continuing education courses for social workers in order to assure that Hawaii's social workers are current and effective.

Social workers provide critical services in prevention, intervention, and treatment to a broad spectrum of clientele, including vulnerable women, children, elderly and families, who are often dealing with a host of challenges such as gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence; access to healthcare, issues around death and dying; and many other life challenges that intersect with gender in unique ways.

Continuing education requirements ensure that licensed social workers have access to the best practices and innovations in the field of social work and can continue to provide quality services to an array of clients, and are necessary to increase and maintain professional competence.

I urge your favorable consideration of SB 200.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

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TO: Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair Senate Human Services Committee  
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FROM: Theresa Kreif, MSW, LSW  
Faculty/Junior Specialist and Continuing Education Coordinator  
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work  
University of Hawaii Manoa

RE: SB 200 Relating to Continuing Education for Social Workers - **SUPPORT**

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland Chair, Senator Josh Green M.D. Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Theresa Kreif and I am social worker. I strongly support SB 200 Relating to Continuing Education for Social Workers.

I strongly support this bill for the following reasons:

- Continuing education increases the knowledge base and competency levels of social work professionals.
- Continuing education requirements ensure that licensed social workers have access to best practices and innovations in the field of social work and can continue to provide quality services to an array of clients.
- Continuing education opportunities are available statewide via in-person webinars, and teleconference (i.e. Polycom) by approved providers.
- All states, except Colorado and Hawaii, have continuing education requirements for licensed social workers. CE is a national standard. We social workers want to be recognized as meeting that standard.
- Social work provides critical services in prevention, intervention, and treatment to a broad spectrum of clientele.
- Consumer Protection: Requiring continuing education courses for social workers who are renewing their licenses will give assurance to Hawaii's consumers that social workers are current with the latest developments in their field.

I urge your favorable consideration of SB 200.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Kreif, MSW, LSW

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FROM: Chris Lopa, CSAC  
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, University of Hawaii at Manoa

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- Consumer protection: requiring continuing education courses for social workers will give assurance to Hawaii's consumers that social workers are current with the latest developments in their field as a certified substance abuse counselor in the State of Hawaii
- I am required to attend and submit proof of continuing education credits to maintain my certification in order to practice in the state. This process help me to stay on top of the latest substance abuse treatment methods and trends and it allows me to discuss the application of these methods amongst current practitioners in the field hear in Hawaii.
- In my experience, social workers provide critical services in prevention, intervention, and treatment to a broad spectrum of clientele, including vulnerable women, children, elderly and families, who are often dealing with a broad spectrum of challenges such as gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence; access to healthcare and issues around death and dying; and many other issues that intersect with gender in unique ways.
- In my experience continuing education requirements also help prevent stagnation and burnout. Utilizing the same techniques can become redundant for practitioners and the populations we serve. By staying on the cutting edge of in a field that is as challenging as it is rewarding we are doing ourselves a favor as social workers by preventing burnout, which leads to diminished excellence in the provision of social services.

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FROM: Abraleen Keliinui

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FROM: Charlotte Needham

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FROM: Crystal Chong Wong

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**Crystal Chong Wong,**  
**BSW Student**

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RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION

Requires licensed social workers to complete a minimum of fifteen credit hours of continuing education courses for the licensing renewal period beginning July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, and forty-five credit hours of continuing education courses during each licensing renewal period, for the period beginning July 1, 2016, and thereafter.

January 31, 2013

Dear Chairs and Committee Members:

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. My name is Jessica Garlock, and I am a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) in the State of Hawaii (License #1579). I have been an LSW since 2004, and **I submit this testimony in support of SB 200.**

Having continuing education requirements for Social Workers is long overdue in Hawaii. We expect continuing education of other health and mental health professionals and providers, so why should that be any different for Social Workers? A fifteen-hour a year requirement is minimal, and is in line with our professional ethics as set forth by the National Association of Social Workers. It is part of our professional responsibility to get updated information about issues impacting our clients and the larger community.

I humbly ask that you support this bill to hold social work professionals accountable so that they can continue to provide essential services to Hawaii's citizens.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John A. H. Tomoso	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: SB 200 Relating to Continuing Education for Social Workers - SUPPORT I am John A. H. Tomoso, MSW, ACSW, LSW, a Social Worker living and practicing on Maui and a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Hawai'i Chapter. I strongly support SB 200 Relating to Continuing Education for Social Workers. I strongly support this bill for the following reasons: • Continuing education increases the knowledge base and competency levels of social work professionals, as it does for all certified and licensed professionals • Continuing education requirements ensure that licensed social workers have access to best practices and innovations in the field of social work and can continue to provide quality services to an array of clients, all levels of practice. • Continuing education opportunities will continue to be available statewide via in-person webinars, and teleconference (i.e. Polycom) by approved providers (as it must in this island-state of ours). • All states, except New York and Hawai'i, have continuing education requirements for licensed social workers. CE is a national standard. We Social Workers want to be recognized, locally and nationally, as meeting that standard. • Social work provides critical services in prevention, intervention, and treatment to a broad spectrum of clientele. • Consumer Protection: Requiring continuing education courses for social workers who are renewing their licenses will give assurance and protection to Hawaii's consumers that social workers are current with the latest developments in their field. I urge your favorable consideration of SB 200. Thank you for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

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