

March 10, 2013

TO:

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D .• Vice Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani
Senator Sam Siom
Senator Brian Taniguchi

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FROM: Wanda Yarborough graduate MSW Student Hawaii Pacific University

RE: S8 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, my name is Wanda Yarborough; I am a graduate student in the MSW program at Hawaii Pacific University. I am also a member of NASW as well as ACSW. I strongly support the SB200 Relating to Continuing Education for Social Workers for the following reasons:

- As social workers it is important to be abreast of the new changing laws and policies in the field of social work.
- It is important that we as social workers provide our client's with the best chance possible to thrive as healthy self-sufficient adults. We cannot do this if we are not continuing to educate ourselves to better serve our clients, the community, or society.
- Science is forever evolving and with these changes it is imperative that as social workers we continue to evolve and grow as well by educating ourselves so we can better serve our government, society, community and our clients.
- Continuing education requirements ensures that social workers are provided with the most up to date information and technology to continue to thrive in the field of social work and maintain professional competence.

I urge your favorable consideration of SB 200. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to testify.

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