

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Monday, March 24, 2014
2:10 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2491, RELATING TO NURSING.

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2491, Relating to Nursing, that would replace references to advanced practice registered nurse "recognition" with advanced practice registered nurse "licensure" to align Hawaii's law with national standards.

The Board supports this bill and thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2491.



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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
March 24, 2014 at 2:10 p.m.

by

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School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 2491 – RELATING TO NURSING

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As long as regulatory requirements differ from state to state, each state border represents an obstacle to portability—potentially preventing access to professionals and access to care. The National Council State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice of Registered Nurses (APRN) Consensus Model (Consensus Model) provides guidance for states to adopt uniformity in the regulation of APRN roles. The target date to complete that work is 2015.

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UH Mānoa Nursing respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2491 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Written Testimony Presented Before the
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by
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University of Hawai'i at Manoa

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Therefore, the Hawaii State Center for Nursing respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2491, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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The House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

To: Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
SB 2491 — Relating to Nursing

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is a 116-member organization that includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, the majority of long term care facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospice programs, as well as other healthcare organizations including durable medical equipment, air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2491, which would replace references to advanced practice registered nurse recognition with advanced practice registered nurse licensure to align Hawaii's law with national standards.

HAH supports this technical fix, which will bring Hawaii's APRN laws into alignment with national standards. This housekeeping measure will expand access to care by allowing portability of APRN licensure from other states to Hawaii, allowing talented APRNs from other states to care for patients in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2491.

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Dale Allison	HSCFN	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Testimony Regarding SB2491 (APRN) Relating to Health

**Submitted by Diana M V Shaw, PhD, MPH, MBA, FACMPE
Executive Director, Lāna'i Community Health Center
Room 325 March 24, 2014 2:10PM**

Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2491

I am writing to offer my support for SB2491. As a Board Member of the Hawaii State Rural Health Association, I believe strongly in the need to expand our health workforce in Hawaii and have everyone maximize their use in the healthcare system. We know that we have a shortage of healthcare professionals, and that this shortage is greatest in rural areas. Without healthcare providers, patients cannot get the care they need. That is why everyone in health care must work together as work a team, performing to the top of his/her level of training. Only in this way will be able to meet the needs of our ever-growing population. SB2491 works toward this aim by aligning the Hawaii terminology to national standards and I fully support it. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Mahalo and Salamat for the opportunity to comment on this critically important plan,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D.V. Shaw', is written over a light-colored background.

Diana M. V. Shaw, PhD, MPH, MBA, FACMPE
Executive Director

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Mary Kawasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill so we can align with national standards and other state laws.

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Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members; please support standardizing our APRN licensure law with the NCSBN model. aloha, Yvonne Geesey, JD, MSN Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

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Lori Kaneshige, MSN, RN

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Dianne Okumura	Individual	Support	No

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Beth Hoban
Board Member, Hawaii State Center for Nursing

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Lenora Lorenzo DNP, APRN, FAANP
Family, Geriatrics and Diabetes Nurse Practitioner
Region 9 Director, American Association of Nurse Practitioners

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Therefore, the Lenora Lorenzo and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2491, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2491

I am writing to offer my support for SB2491. As President of the Hawaii State Rural Health Association, Director of the Area Health Education Center and a physician workforce researcher, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for working toward maximizing the effectiveness of our health professions workforce in Hawaii. My research has shown that Hawaii has 700 fewer physicians than a comparable population on the mainland US. The shortage is most severe in rural areas such as Hawaii Island. Without healthcare providers, we (the people of Hawaii) cannot get the care we need. That is why everyone in health care must work together as work a team, performing to the top of his/her level of training. As a physician, medicine is very emotionally challenging if I have to do everything for my patients, but if I can work in a team with other professionals and share the burden, I am must more effective and much happier. SB2491 works toward this aim and I fully support it.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and please keep up the good work!

Kelley Withy, MD, PhD