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March 31, 2014

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

Senate Bill 2492, SD1 - Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the intent of sections 5 and 6 of the bill and has no comment on the other sections of the bill. The purpose of this bill is to expand the practice of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) in the State of Hawaii.

DCAB administers the Disabled Persons Parking Program for the State of Hawaii. One of the proposed amendments relates to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 291, Part III in sections 5 and 6 of the bill, authorizing APRNs to sign the certification form and application allowing people with disabilities to obtain the Disabled Persons Parking permit.

We have met with the representatives of the APRNs have been assured that the APRNs have a license number that will allow us to track and validate that the APRNs are licensed and practicing in Hawaii for our database.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson
Legislative Committee

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

Monday, March 31, 2014; 2:10 pm
Conference Room 325

The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair
Representative Derek Kawakami, Vice Chair

From: Brigitte McKale
Vice President of Patient Services and Chief Nurse Executive

Re: **SB 2492 SD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**
Testimony in Support

My name is Brigitte McKale, Vice President of Patient Services & Chief Nurse Executive for Pali Momi Medical Center. Pali Momi Medical Center is a nonprofit hospital located in West O'ahu. It is dedicated to the health and well-being of all Hawai'i residents. With 126 beds and more than 370 physicians on its medical staff, Pali Momi offers a full range of services. It has delivered many medical firsts for the community, including West O'ahu's only interventional cardiac catheterization unit to detect and treat heart disease, a fully integrated minimally invasive surgical suite, CT scan and MRI services, emergency services, a Women's Center, and the state's first Retina Center. Pali Momi is the only medical facility in Hawai'i that utilizes a team triage approach in its Emergency Room, where patients are promptly evaluated by an emergency physician. The American Heart Association has recognized the hospital for excellence in the treatment of coronary artery disease and heart failure, one of only a few hospitals in the nation. Pali Momi was founded in 1989 and is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider.

I am writing in support of SB 2492, SD1 which seeks to amend various sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to enable advanced practice registered nurses to practice to the fullest extent of their training and education.

This measure specifically identifies obsolete laws that have anti-competitive effects which create barriers to consumer access to high quality health care provided by APRNs. Some examples of those barriers are laws which require supervision by or collaboration with another health care provider, that lack provider neutral language, and that prohibit or limit institutional privileges.

In 2011, the Hawaii State Legislature adopted the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's APRN Consensus Model. Together with the changes proposed in SB 2492, APRN's in Hawaii will be better able to provide quality health care to patients to the full extent of their education and training. Additionally, SB 2492 will help to realign obsolete laws with the changes made to the laws between 2009 and 2011.

Thank you for your time. We ask that you pass this measure.



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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 2492, SD1 — Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

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 2492, SD1, which would improve patient access to medical care by clarifying the circumstances under which advanced practice registered nurses may practice their profession to the fullest extent of their training and education.

Various sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes omit advanced practice registered nurses from the definitions or designations of health care entities who may provide health care, prescribe drugs, or sign forms. These outdated statutes should be amended to authorize increased participation by advanced practice registered nurses, recognizing appropriately trained advanced practice registered nurses as primary care providers.

By authorizing increased participation by advanced practice registered nurses in certain circumstances, especially with regard to global signature authority, SB 2492, SD1 will enable improved access to health care services, expedite the processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for Hawaii patients, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2492, SD1.



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The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair
Representative Derek Kawakami, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone RN MBA
Chief Nurse Executive – Hawai'i Pacific Health
Chief Operating Office – Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: **SB 2492, SD1 Relating To Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
Testimony in Support**

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



Affiliates of Hawai'i Pacific Health



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March 31, 2014 2 p.m.

by
Kathy Yokouchi, Policy Analyst
Hawaii State Center for Nursing
University of Hawaii Manoa

SB 2492, SD1 RELATING TO NURSING

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by

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Monday, March 31, 2014
2:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2492, S.D. 1, RELATING TO ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.**

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill No. 2492, S.D. 1, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, that would amend various sections within the Hawaii Revised Statutes to enable advanced practice registered nurses ("APRN") to practice to the full extent of their training and education.

The Board supports this bill and thanks you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill No. 2492, S.D. 1.

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**Testimony Regarding
SB2492 (APRN)
Relating to Health**

**Submitted by Diana M V Shaw, PhD, MPH, MBA, FACMPE
Executive Director, Lāna'i Community Health Center
Room 325 March 31, 2014 2:10PM**

Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2492 SD1

I am writing to offer my support for SB2492 SD1. 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. SB2492 works toward this aim and I fully support it.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.V. Shaw', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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

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Submitted on: 3/29/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Lenora Lorenzo	American Association of Nurse Practitioners	Support	No

Comments: I am testifying in full support of this bill as a representative of the America Assoc. Of Nurse Practitioners and as an APRN. This measure is important to increase access to care for our Ohana in Hawai'i. As APRNs are recognized as primary care providers, this is important to ensure we can give our patients the high quality safe and timely care they deserve.

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Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members; please support updating our HRS to authorize APRNs to provide healthcare to our community members. mahalo, Yvonne Geesey JD, MSN Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

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Mary Kawasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please continue to move this measure forward so APRN's can offer health care services without restrictions.

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Wailua Brandman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: STRONG SUPPORT Wailua Brandman APRN PMHCNS/NP FAANP Clinical Director, Ke ena Mauiola Nele Paia

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Matt Bishop	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Senators, I stand in STRONG SUPPORT of this measure in keeping with the Institute of Medicine's Report on the Future of Nursing which will ensure APRNs are able to practice to the fullest scope of their license. I am an APRN and I serve the people of Hawai'i. I urge you to pass this measure forward UNAMENDED. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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Kelley Withy, MD, PhD
571 Kaimalino St.
Kailua, HI 96734

Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2492

I am writing to offer my support for SB2492. 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. SB2492 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

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by
Valisa Saunders MN, APRN, GNP
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Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

and Committee On Consumer Protection & commerce members

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB 2492

I am an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in practice in Hilo. Hawaii Island experiences a distressing shortage of specialty and primary health care providers. APRNs have begun to fill the gap, and play an important role in providing otherwise inaccessible health care to the residents of Hawaii Island. APRNs are an important part of the health care workforce in Hawaii, serving Hawaiians in all walks of life throughout their childhood and adult years.

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Therefore, I respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2492 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Allen Novak, APRN
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March 25, 2014

I am submitting my testimony to support the passage of SB 2492 SD 1. I have been working in the medical community in Hawaii for the last 20 years as an emergency nurse/paramedic. I am currently enrolled in an online APRN program and plan to work in a rural Hawaii Community as a FNP.

Due to the drastic changes in the United States healthcare system, demand for FNP/APRN's is increasing and alarming rate. Hawaii should be at the forefront for defining the role in which an APRN can practice. We need to separate our profession from that of being dependent on physicians to practice, to one of independence.

We have an enormous amount of patients who seek treatment in Hawaii's emergency departments for their primary care, because they cannot get an appointment or establish a partnership with a primary health care provider. Upon graduation from my program, I should be able to be an APRN who can be effective at diminishing this burden on our ED's, by establishing my own practice, and having my own patient population that allows me to practice to the fullest extent my training.

Thank you for your consideration

Holly Bent

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Marianela	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support without reservations this bill so APRN's can practice in full extent as they have the background and education to do so.

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Debrah Trankel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please allow APRN's to practice to the full extent of their training. It will help with the shortage of primary care positions in our state, and improve Hawaii's access to care!

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