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### TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2014

Friday, March 14, 2014  
9:00 a.m.

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

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, 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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SB 2492 SD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of this bill, SB 2492, SD1.

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. These barriers include, but are not limited to, laws which require supervision by or collaboration with another health care provider, provider neutral language (only recognizes a physician as a “provider”), and prohibitive or limited institutional privileges.

These aforementioned barriers ultimately prohibit APRNs from practicing to the fullest extent of their education and training<sup>1</sup> and serve to undermine the barrier-breaking Hawai'i legislation passed between 2009-2011<sup>1</sup>.

Therefore, HAPN respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB2492, SD1 unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for the fine work you do to support and protect the health care of the citizens of this great state.

Amy Vasconcellos, Vice Chair  
Legislative Committee  
Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses

<sup>1</sup> “The United States has the opportunity to transform the health care system, and nurses can and should play a fundamental role in this transformation” In order to achieve this transformation, “Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training” (Institute of Medicine, 2010).

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Nursing's Model Nurse Practice Act and Model Nursing Administrative Rules. **Act 110, SLH 2011** required each hospital in the State licensed under Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), § 321-14.5 is required to allow APRNs <sup>1</sup> and qualified APRNs granted prescriptive authority to practice within the full scope of practice including as a primary care provider. APRNs granted prescriptive authority to prescribe controlled drugs (Schedule II-V) within formulary appropriate to the APRN's specialty. Able to prescribe drugs without working relationship agreement with a licensed physician.



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**The House Committee on Health**

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, 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**

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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.

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 the opportunity to provide this testimony.





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March 14, 2014 9 a.m.  
by  
Kathy Yokouchi, Policy Analyst  
Hawaii State Center for Nursing  
University of Hawaii Manoa

SB 2492, SD1 RELATING TO NURSING

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB 2492, SD1.

The Hawaii State Center for Nursing greatly appreciates this Committee's review of the existing state laws and strongly supports SB 2492, SD1. This measure specifically identifies obsolete laws that have anticompetitive effects which create barriers to consumer access to high quality health care provided by APRNs. These barriers include, but are not limited to, laws which require supervision by or collaboration with another health care provider, lacks provider neutral language (recognizes physician as the only provider), and prohibit or limit institutional privileges.

In 2011, the Hawaii State Legislature, in its wisdom, adopted the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's APRN Consensus Model. Together with the changes proposed in SB 2492, SD1, APRNs in Hawaii will be better able to provide quality health care to patients in all circumstances to the full extent of their education and training<sup>1</sup>. SB 2492, SD1 will help to align these obsolete laws with the barrier-breaking Hawai'i legislation passed between 2009-2011<sup>2</sup>.

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To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, 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**

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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.

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



Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Health  
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by

Dale Allison, PhD, WHNP-BC, FNP, APRN-Rx, FAAN  
Member, HSCN Advisory Board  
Hawaii State Center for Nursing  
University of Hawai'i at Manoa

SB 2492, SD1 RELATING TO NURSING

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Written Testimony Presented Before the

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Health

By

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

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SB 2492 RELATING TO NURSING

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair, Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB 2492.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners and I as a practicing APRN greatly appreciate this Committee's review of the existing state laws and strongly supports SB 2492. This measure specifically identifies obsolete laws that have anticompetitive effects which create barriers to consumer access to high quality healthcare provided by APRNs. These barriers include, but are not limited to, laws which require supervision by or collaboration with another health care provider, lacks provider neutral language (recognizes physician as the only provider), and prohibit or limit institutional privileges.

In 2011, the Hawaii State Legislature, in its wisdom, adopted the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's APRN Consensus Model. Together with the changes proposed in SB 2492 APRNs in Hawaii will be better able to provide quality health care to patients in all circumstances to the full extent of their education and training<sup>1</sup>. SB 2492 will help to align these obsolete laws with the barrier-breaking Hawai'i legislation passed between 2009-2011<sup>2</sup>.

Therefore, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and I as a practicing APRN respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2492, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
pat gegen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: FULLY SUPPORT! Many people see APRN's as their primary provider - this is necessary and makes common sense!

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Mary Kawasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To insure there are enough primary care practitioners to serve the needs of our residents as it relates to the affordable health care act it is imperative APRNs are allowed to practice to their full scope under the law.

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Committee on Health  
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair  
and members of the Committee on Health

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.

I greatly appreciate this Committee's review of the existing state laws and strongly support SB 2492. This measure specifically identifies obsolete laws that have anticompetitive effects which create barriers to consumer access to high quality health care provided by APRNs. These barriers include, but are not limited to, laws which require supervision by or collaboration with another health care provider, lack provider neutral language (recognizes physician as the only provider), and prohibit or limit institutional privileges.

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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  
Hilo, Hawaii

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terri squires	Individual	Support	No

Comments: APRN's are practicing independently and competently serving the needs of the people of the State of Hawaii and this legislation insures that APRN's practice to the full extent of their license. Various restrictions with administrative language regarding AP RN's in hospitals need to be addressed so APRN's can care for their patients independent of physician oversight. Our goal is to serve the people of Hawaii and provide the highest quality of care for everyone. Please support this bill.

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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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Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members: Please help us take care of our patients in a timely manner by modernizing these statutes! mahalo, Yvonne Geesey, MSN, JD Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

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**Testimony in support of SB 2492 SD1**

**I am a nurse practitioner in practice for 36 years, of which 21 years have been in Hawaii. Since 2009 one of my practice sites is on Lanai where the updates to APRN authority in SB2492 are really needed. Waiting for the next time a physician is available may be too late for some of the signatures required. It doesn't make sense that the APRN can diagnose and treat conditions but the patient must get a physician signature for several types of documentation for government entities. I am requesting your favorable action on SB2492 to make Hawaii up to date for APRN practice. Mahalo.**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maureen Shannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The members of the Hawaii Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives strongly support this bill. The passage of this bill will allow advanced practice registered nurses (including certified nurse-midwives) in Hawaii the ability to practice to the full extent of their education so that the health care needs of the residents of our state will be addressed in a competent and timely manner, especially those residents living in medically underserved areas.

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Jackie Murray	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Nurse Practitioners have advanced education and training to provide primary care. I live on the Big Island, provide care in a remote area. I am the only provider a good many patients see. To not be able to provide a full complement of services to these patients denies them equal access to medical services. This bill is one more step in simplifying the process of providing normal services that all citizens are entitled to. Many physicians on the Island of Hawaii are not taking new patients or are booked out for weeks. For example, If a patient is discharged from hospital and need home care, has not PCP, no physician to sign the orders for home care for medication management, physical therapy, wound care, they quite likely will be back in hospital in a short time.

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Roxanne Estes	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I work as an Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner in a rural community. I own and operate an independent a Nurse Managed Health Clinic in a rural community that is designated as a health disparity and underserved health care location in Puna, Hawaii. There are few health care providers in our growing community of about 40,000 people. Since the law passed in 2009 giving APRNs global authority I have encountered several problems with some entities when signing for global signatures. I have routinely encountered problems with acceptance of my APRN signature on maternal leave of absence disability claims. This directly affects working mothers who are entitled to their maternal leave of absence or temporary leave of absence benefits after the birth of their babies. It has forced several of the women under my care to secure a physician, often one who is unknown to them, to sign the documents. This delays benefits to working mothers who are entitled to their benefits. Again this is an underserved population who highly depend on the financial support of their benefits. I appreciate the time and effect that has gone into this effort to address in Hawaii Statues what is within APRN scope of practice and the legally recognized global authority. Without this wording APRN's and their patients experience lapses in care including financial benefits withheld or delayed. Hawaii has seen fit to utilize APRNs to meet the health care needs of the state, it is time to correct the wording in in statuses so that we can practice effectively without barriers to our practices. Sincerely, Roxanne Estes, CNM, APRN

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