

SCR 125 / SR 88

Measure Title: URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY: HAWAII DIVISION, TO DEVELOP DRAFT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING, IMPLEMENTING, AND MONITORING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS IN HAWAII.

Report Title: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists; Continuing Education; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

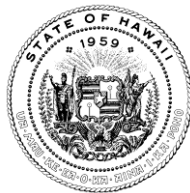
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
AND
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013

Wednesday, March 27, 2013
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125 AND SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88, URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARRAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY: HAWAII DIVISION, TO DEVELOP DRAFT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING, IMPLEMENTING, AND MONITORING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS IN HAWAII.

TO THE HONORABLE SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Lynn Bhanot, and I am the Executive Officer of the Marriage and Family Therapists Program ("Program"). Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on S.C.R. No. 125 and S.R. No. 88.

The Program appreciates the efforts of the Legislature to allow the two (2) agencies to work collaboratively to develop draft legislation establishing,

implementing, and monitoring continuing education requirements for all licensed marriage and family therapists in Hawaii. The Program would like to **urge the** **Committees to include** a provision that the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Hawaii Division ("AAMFT Hawaii"), complete the Division's Continuing Professional Education Guidelines Checklist ("Checklist"). The completion of the checklist will assist with (1) determining whether there is a demonstrated need to impose such a requirement; (2) identification of the objective(s) that mandatory continuing education is meant to address; (3) a review of existing mechanisms or methods and a finding that mandatory continuing education is the best method to achieve the objective(s) identified in (2) above; (4) verification that continuing education courses meeting the objective(s) are readily available and accessible to the person; (5) evidence that the fiscal impact on the professional will not be adverse; and (6) confirmation that resources are available for the regulatory agency to implement the continuing education program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.C.R. No. 125 and S.R. No. 88.

March 22, 2013

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, Committee on Human Services
Senator Josh Green, MD, Vice Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senator Sam Slom

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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March 27, 2013 9:30 am Conference Room 229

FROM: S. Joy Quick, MA, MFT, CSAPA; AAMFT Hawaii Division President-Elect

RE: SCR 125/SR 88 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists - **SUPPORT**

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, and Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, I am Joy Quick. I am a Hawaii licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SCR 125/ SR 88 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

I **strongly support** this resolution for the following reasons:

- Continuing education increases the knowledge base and competency levels of marriage and family therapy professionals.
- Continuing education requirements ensure that licensed marriage and family therapists have access to best practices and innovations in the field of marriage and family therapy and can continue to provide quality services to an array of clients.
- Continuing education opportunities will continue to be available statewide via in-person webinars, and teleconferences by approved providers.

- All states, except Michigan, New York, and Hawaii, have continuing education requirements for licensed marriage and family therapists and currently NY has a bill pending to require CE. CE is a national standard. We marriage and family therapists want to be recognized as meeting that standard.
- Marriage and Family Therapists provide critical services in prevention, intervention, and treatment to a broad spectrum of clientele.
- Consumer Protection: Requiring continuing education courses for marriage and family therapists who are renewing their licenses will give assurance to Hawaii's consumers that marriage and family therapists are current with the latest developments in their field.

I urge your favorable consideration of SCR 125/SR 88. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

From: [Glenn Pressel](#)
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I fully **support** the passage of continuing education credits for Marriage and Family Therapists. It is necessary to provide the best treatment to all of our clients. It is the standard of practice for our industry and we need to be held accountable. The clear winners are the patients who use Marriage and Family Therapists. I can't see any reason for this common sense law not to go forward.

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Resolution: SCR 125/SR88

Date: 3/27/2013

Time: 9:30am

Place: Room 229

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Respectfully yours,

Jamie A. Moody
Senate District 9 Resident

March 24, 2013

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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
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FROM: Janet Covington, MS, AAMFT-HI Member

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FROM: Virginia Jones MFT, LMHC, NCC, CSAC, SAP
AAMFT Hawaii Division Board Member

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebekah Mraz MFT	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To the honorable Senators Baker and Galuteria: Please allow AAMFT-HI the opportunity to collaborate with the DCCA on the matter of CE for MFT in this state. As licensed MFTs we agree with the need for continuing education and wish to give input on same with a view to ensuring relevancy to this license as well as abiding by guidelines that protect the consumer. Rebekah Mraz MFT

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