

SCR 87/ SR 53

Measure Title: URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE HAWAII PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP DRAFT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING, IMPLEMENTING, AND MONITORING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS IN HAWAII.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013
10:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87 AND SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 53, URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE HAWAII PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION TO
DEVELOP DRAFT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING, IMPLEMENTING, AND
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PSYCHOLOGISTS IN HAWAII.**

**TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

My name is Carol Nowak, Ph.D., and I am the Chairperson of the Board of Psychology ("Board"). The Board had an opportunity to review Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 87 and Senate Resolution No. 53 at its meeting on March 15, 2013, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify on these measures.

The Board supports the efforts of the Legislature to allow the two (2) agencies to work collaboratively on this issue. However, as discussed with the Hawaii Psychological Association ("HPA") at its meeting on March 15, 2013, the Board, while supportive of this matter, urges the HPA to complete the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division's ("Division") Continuing Professional Education Guidelines Checklist ("Checklist"). The Checklist will assist, among other things, the Division in determining whether this extra requirement will place any undue burden on its licensees and/or its staff.

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 87 and Senate Resolution 53, with the provision that the HPA complete the Division's Checklist.



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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

March 25, 2013

Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 10:00 a.m., Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 87 / SR 53

Urging the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawaii Psychological Association to Develop Draft Legislation Establishing, Implementing and Monitoring Continuing Education Requirements for All Licensed Psychologists in Hawaii

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Brickwood Galuteria and members of the committee, my name is Dr. Darryl Salvador. I am a Clinical Psychologist and President of Hawai'i Psychological Association (HPA). I would like to provide testimony in support of SCR 87 / SR 53.

The mission of the HPA is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by encouraging, integrating, applying, and communicating the contributions of Psychology in all its branches. The HPA seeks to strengthen public relations, advocate for a psychologically healthy community, develop solutions for mental health care, be responsive to the multiple cultures in Hawai'i, promote the highest standards of professional ethics, and to diffuse psychological knowledge through meetings, conventions and publications. As part of this mission, we are committed to promoting lifelong learning to account for the changing world in which we live. We support this resolution with the shared goal to promote client/patient safety and support the valuable role psychologists contribute in our health care system.

It is estimated that the rate of human information is doubling every two years. Additionally, multicultural experts have pointed to changing demographics in the United States, particularly Hawai'i, and suggest that professionals must make substantive revisions to their curriculum, training, research and practice to address issues of race and ethnicity, culture, gender and sexual orientation. To maintain minimal competency in working with these diverse populations, we must understand the cultural context of these populations, be aware of potential bias in our practices and be familiar with culturally adapted treatments.

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We all must maintain the ability to learn how to learn, be able to adapt to change and access new knowledge to improve our competencies and performance. The goal is to constantly recharge our batteries to motivate self-renewal and keep abreast of new knowledge, skills and relevant information. We feel that SCR 87 / SR 53 is an important step in that direction.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony in support of SCR 87 / SR 53.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Monday, March 25, 2013

Honorable Chair Backer, Vice Chair Galuteria, and esteemed members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, in regards to **SCR 87 SR 53** that urges the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) and the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA) to develop draft legislation establishing, implementing, and monitoring continuing education requirements for all licensed psychologists in Hawaii, I am **STRONGLY in favor** of the bill as it addresses a serious need for mandated continuing education, ensuring that licensed psychologists remain current with empirically supported treatments, culturally adapted treatments and changes in knowledge and practice in psychology.

My name is Dr. Jeffrey Stern and I am a psychologist who was raised here in Honolulu. I am the Past President of the HPA and have been a member for more than 25 years, though I am submitting this testimony as an individual (not representing HPA). I am also the internship director at HPU's master's program in clinical mental health counseling and I have been teaching research methodology to graduate and undergraduate students at University of Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific University for more than 15 years. I attended a meeting over a year ago with the DCCA in which the issue of mandatory continuing education (heretofore referred to as "MCE") was addressed and the idea was embraced.

In preparation for that meeting, I conducted a literature review on MCE and identified two consistent findings; first, the criticism that continuing education fails to impact treatment outcome is not because of a lack of effect. Rather, it is because research methods are not well suited to measuring this effect. Simply put, absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. Second, licensed psychologists and allied health professionals from states requiring continuing education reported strong satisfaction with their CE experiences.

Key concerns voiced by DCCA in that meeting included access to CE opportunities and cost/expense. I pledge as the Chair of the HPA subcommittee on MCE to make every effort to engage all licensed psychologists in a healthy discussion of the issue. I also pledge that HPA will work closely with DCCA to assure ample affordable and accessible CE opportunities for all licensed psychologists on all islands.

Psychologists' ethical guidelines implicitly mandate a commitment to continuing development of its knowledge base and the practice of clinical psychology should be guided not only by previously established facts and treatments, but also by relevant and more recent additions to our knowledge base. In an age of ever-growing accountability, we have an obligation to consumers and our colleagues to be current with our knowledge in our field (broadly) and our specialties (if applicable).

In a 1990 article by VendeCreek, Knapp, and Brace in *Professional Psychology Research and Practice*, the authors reviewed the literature on effectiveness of CE *across allied health professions* in enhancing quality of services in health professions and concluded that if properly

implemented, CE can positively impact health care In the face of ever- and rapidly-increasing knowledge base and technology. Note, this article is nearly 25 years old, covering research conducted up to 50 years ago. Since then, CE programs have improved and are implemented in a manner that is accessible (including to those living in rural communities) and directly addresses accountability. I emphasize the age of the article as evidence that the time has come for Hawai'i to move forward and mandate continuing education for psychologists.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my mana'o.

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

March 26, 2013

Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 10:00 a.m., Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 87 / SR 53

Urging the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawaii Psychological Association to Develop Draft Legislation Establishing, Implementing and Monitoring Continuing Education Requirements for All Licensed Psychologists in Hawaii

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Brickwood Galuteria and members of the committee, my name is Dr. Nancy Sidun. I am a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, former Chair of Hawaii's Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at Argosy University and currently the Supervising Clinical Psychologist at Kaiser Permanente-Hawaii and President-Elect of the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA). I would like to provide testimony in support of SCR 87 / SR 53.

Education does not end for psychologists when they graduate with their doctorate degree. Given that psychology is a science, it is constantly transforming and developing. Psychologists must be life long learners to stay current with the emergent practices and knowledge in our field.

The majority of states require continuing education as part of the license renewal process. In fact, in 2006 American Psychological Association (APA) State Provincial Continuing Education in Psychology Requirements did a survey and found that 43 states plus the District of Columbia have continuing education requirements for psychologists. Unfortunately Hawaii is one of few remaining states that do not require continuing education for our licensed psychologists. It is imperative that this be changed. We need to ensure that competent psychologists are serving the citizens in the state of Hawaii. SCR 87/SR 53 is a valiant and necessary movement to make that a reality.

I thank you in advance for considering my testimony in support of SCR 87/ SR 53.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 87 / SR 53

Urging the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the
Hawai'i Psychological Association to Develop Draft Legislation
Establishing, Implementing and Monitoring Continuing Education
Requirements for All Licensed Psychologists in Hawaii

I am a Hawai'i Licensed Clinical Psychologist and serve as a Clinical Supervisor and Director of Research and Evaluation with I Ola Lāhui, a rural behavioral health psychology training program.

Due to my professional roles, I firmly believe that continuing education is not only a means to stay abreast of relevant information to provide high quality patient care but it is also an *ethical obligation* for professionals who engage in health care delivery.

Hawai'i would join the 44 other states that have established mandated continuing education units as part of their psychology licensing laws. Thus, there are multiple examples for how this can be implemented and sustained. SCR 87/SR 53 would facilitate a process necessary to research existing models and establish an efficient system for mandating continuing education for psychologists in Hawai'i.

Psychologists must maintain the ability to learn how to learn, be able to adapt to change and access new knowledge to improve our competencies and performance. The goal is to constantly recharge our batteries to motivate self-renewal and keep abreast of new knowledge, skills and relevant information. SCR 87/SR 53 is a vital step in this direction.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony in strong support of SCR 87/SR 53.

Respectfully submitted,

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