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February 12, 2014

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill 2099 - Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

The Disability and Communication Access Board (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 for the Disabled Persons Parking permit.

The purpose of this bill is to expand the practice of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) in the State of Hawaii.

DCAB supports the intent of sections 5 and 6 of the bill and has no comment on the other sections of the bill.

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 per our database.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson
Legislative Committee

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
Wednesday, 02-12-14 8:30AM
by
Lenora Lorenzo DNP, APRN, FAANP
Family, Geriatrics and Diabetes Nurse Practitioner
Region 9 Director, American Association of Nurse Practitioners

HB 2099 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, HB 2099.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners and I as a practicing APRN greatly appreciates 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 training¹. SB 2492 will help to align these obsolete laws with the barrier-breaking Hawai'i legislation passed between 2009-2011².

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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**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Wednesday, February 12, 2014
8:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2099, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE
REGISTERED NURSES.**

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Thomas Joslyn, MS, CRNA, member of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2099, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). The Board supports this bill that would amend various sections of Hawaii Revised Statutes to enable APRNs to practice to the full extent of their training and education.

The Board has concerns with "barriers" to the APRN practice which has an adverse affect for the APRN being able to provide the appropriate care for their patients. Therefore, amending some of the State laws to recognize APRNs would allow them to furnish the health care that their patients deserve.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2099.



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Conference Room 329

The House Committee on Health

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

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
HB 2099 — 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 HB 2099, 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, HB 2099 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 HB 2099.

Legislative Committee

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HAWAII ASSOCIATION of
PROFESSIONAL NURSES

Written Testimony Presented Before the
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HB 2099 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, HB 2099.

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.

These aforementioned barriers ultimately prohibit APRNs from practicing to the fullest extent of their education and training¹ and serve to undermine the barrier-breaking Hawai'i legislation passed between 2009-2011¹.

Therefore, HAPN respectfully requests that this Committee pass HB 2099, 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

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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 ¹ 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: HB 2099, 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.

I am writing in support of HB 2099 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 HB 2099, 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, HB 2099 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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by

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Hawaii State Center for Nursing
University of Hawai'i at Manoa

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Beth Hoban, RN, MAOM
President, Prime Care Services Hawaii
Board Member, Hawaii State Center for Nursing

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The House Committee on Health

To: Representative Della au Belatti, Chair
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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

Re: **HB 2099 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 HB 2099 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.

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



H.B. 2099
Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
House Committee on Health
February 12, 2014; 8:30 a.m.

My name is Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer with The Queen's Medical Center (QMC), in support of HB 2099, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).

APRNs in Hawaii are a vital part of Hawaii's healthcare landscape. APRNs are responsible in many settings for direct patient care, such as hospitals, clinics, and private offices. APRNs have advanced education, knowledge and skills to care for patients. They are fully prepared to assess, diagnose, manage patient problems, order tests, and prescribe medications. As ACA continues to come fully into effect and newly insured individuals seek medical care, many new Hawaii residents will encounter the severe physician shortage we are all already so aware of. Access to care can be increased if APRNs are allowed to practice to the full extent of their education and training. Since 2011, APRNs have been statutorily authorized with prescriptive authority in hospitals. This has positively impacted patient well-being in the hospital setting by providing more timely access to quality care.

Allowing APRNs to practice to the fullest extent of their licensure will help to increase access, productivity, and quality medical services throughout the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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HB2099

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Margaret Maupin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Francisco Conde	Hawaii State Center for Nursing	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Kawasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse I approve of this bill. There are many times when institutions have in the past not recognized the signature of an APRN when they have under the law practiced within their scope of expertise. Please approve this bill.

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Matt Bishop	Individual	Support	No

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pat gegen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A required prerequisite for moving forward with affordable and patient centered Health Care. Strongly SUPPORT!!!

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LATE**HB2099**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members; This measure will modernize our statutes to include advanced practice nurses along with physicians to have authority to "treat paperwork." mahalo, Yvonne Geesey JD, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

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