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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Espinda	The Queens Health Systems	Support	Yes

Comments: *Submitted on behalf of Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer of The Queen's Medical Center (QMC)

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S.B. 2032

Relating to Violence Against Health Care Personnel

Senate Committee on Health

January 27, 2014

My name is Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer of The Queen's Medical Center (QMC), testifying in **support** of SB 2032 which provides critical protections for all medical providers from unnecessary violence in the workplace.

Health care workers have faced increase risks of job-related violence in recent years. At Queens, our staff too often find themselves blocking a kick or a bite. QMC's ER receives the highest numbers across Oahu of mental health transports from law enforcement for emergency examination and hospitalization, if the person is believed to be suffering from substance abuse or mental illness. As so many of these patients are drunk or high, not only are they more likely to be belligerent and aggressive, it is also extremely challenging to determine if they also suffer a mental illness. The ER works to determine medical need or mental illness. Indeed, many of these patients are found to have medical conditions that necessitate their hospitalization, and are admitted as a patient. Still, as the person sobers, an underlying mental health conditions subsequently become more apparent. Cared for on our general medical floors, these patients can be volatile and dangerous. Hospitals, like Queens, have needed to respond by adding more staff, to ensure the safety of its staff, other patients, visitors, and the patient. This further drives hospital costs and erodes hospital security.

Serious attacks on hospital caregivers are a reality of healthcare. This measure allows police to charge attackers with felony assault on all health care workers, not just our emergency department staff. This is appropriate because today, all hospital staff are subject to conditions that necessitate these legal protections. This measure is a means to deter violence and to better ensure the safety of hospital staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

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Wilbert Holck, Jr.	Hawaii Government Employees Association	Support	No

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Wailua Brandman	Hawaii Assoc. of Professional Nurses	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2032, which would expand the health care providers covered in this bill. While nurse practitioners and certified registered nurse anesthetists are included in the language of this bill, certified nurse midwives and clinical nurse specialists are not, and they are indeed licensed the same, in Hawaii, as APRNs, Advance Practice Registered Nurses. May I suggest that the language, ". . . nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists . . ." be deleted and "APRNs" or "Advance Practice Registered Nurses" be inserted in the same place. Again, mahalo for this opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2032, and mahalo for all you do to protect and support the citizens of this great state. Wailua Brandman APRN FAANP Legislative Committee Chair, (HAPN) Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses

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Senate Committee on Health
Monday, January 27, 2014
1:30 p.m.
Room 229

Re: SB 2032, RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

On behalf of Kāhi Mōhala Behavioral Health, we are writing in support of SB 2032, RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL.

SB 2032 expands the medical services providers to which the certain assault offenses would apply.

We believe that this measure is an important step for the benefit of the community and we hope to continue to be positively engaged in discussions about it and other important mental health policy issues as the legislative session progresses.

Kāhi Mōhala Behavioral Health is a center for health care services. Kāhi Mōhala embraces an inter-disciplinary approach to services, incorporating an integrative perspective in emotional, physical, cognitive and behavioral health care treatment. The Kāhi Mōhala C.A.R.E.S. philosophy (Culture of Aloha, Relationship Based, and Environment of Safety) enhances excellence of care by incorporating the feedback of both patients and staff in developing the most positive healing environment.

Kāhi Mōhala's 88-bed facility is located on 14.5 acres on the rural west side on the island of Oahu. It is Hawaii's only freestanding, community-based, not-for-profit psychiatric hospital; serving the needs of not only individuals and families in Hawaii, but also those throughout the Pacific Rim. Kahi Mohala is accredited by The Joint Commission, certified by TRICARE and Medicare/Medicaid.

Mahalo,

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Lynda Hirakami	E Malama Kakou	Support	No

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Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please approve this expansion of current law.

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