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**Monday – January 27, 2014 – 1:30pm**  
**Conference Room 229**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

**Re: Testimony in Support**  
**SB 2052 — Relating to the Hawai'i Rules of Evidence**

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My name is Debbie Boyd, Executive Director, Risk Management for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). HPH is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai. HPH is 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, 49 outpatient clinics and service sites, more than 5,400 employees and 1,300 physicians on staff.

I am writing in support of SB 2052 which would establish that statements or conduct that express apology made by a health care provider concerning an unanticipated medical care outcome are inadmissible to prove liability for any claim resulting from that event.

We support this bill and its intent to strengthen the physician-patient relationship and reduce the number of unnecessary medical malpractice lawsuits. Passage of this measure will help facilitate candid conversation between health care providers and patient in the event of an unanticipated medical outcome.

We ask for your help and support in passing SB 2052 from this committee. Thank you.



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**SB2052**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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 SB2052, which would establish a new rule of evidence on admissibility of medical apologies. While HAPN supports this bill, we request that provider neutral language be substituted for "physician" or "doctor." Again, mahalo for this opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2349, 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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**Lynda Hirakami**

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