

SB 2466

Measure Title: RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.

Report Title: Marriage and Family Therapists; Continuing Education

Description: Requires licensed marriage and family therapists to complete a minimum of forty-five hours of continuing education courses, including six hours in ethic courses, during each licensing renewal period, for the period beginning January 1, 2017, and thereafter.

Companion: [HB2031](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN, WAM

Introducer(s): BAKER, CHUN OAKLAND, Taniguchi



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**PRESENTATION OF THE
PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014

Friday, January 31, 2014
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2466, RELATING TO CONTINUING
EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.**

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

My name is Lynn Bhanot, and I am the Executive Officer of the Marriage and Family Therapists Program ("Program"), Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 2466.

By way of background, the Department and the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Hawaii Division ("AAMFT Hawaii") were requested pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 88, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the Senate of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, to submit a proposed draft for a bill to establish, implement, and monitor continuing education

requirements for all licensed marriage and family therapist ("MFT") in the State of Hawaii. As such, after a series of discussion between the parties, a proposed bill was submitted to the State of Hawaii Legislature.

As written, the Program supports this bill as it will ensure that licensed MFTs maintain their professional competency and keep abreast of the latest developments in their profession. Currently in Hawaii, there are 324 licensed MFTs who will be required to obtain continuing education credits as proposed by this bill. However, similar to other professions that require continuing education, the Program in consultation with the AAMFT Hawaii, agreed to perform post-renewal random audits of 5% - 10% of its licensees who renew their MFT licenses. By choosing to perform random audits, there will minimal impact on the workload of the administrative staff.

Presently, Hawaii is one of two remaining states that do not require continuing education credits as part of its licensing laws.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2466.



National Association of Social Workers Hawai'i Chapter

January 27, 2014

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair
and Committee Members

January 31, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 229

FROM: Marty Oliphant, Executive Director
National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter

RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists - **SUPPORT**

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker Chair, Senator Brian Taniguchi Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Marty Oliphant. I serve as the Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter (NASW). NASW strongly supports SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

Consumer Protection ~ Requiring continuing education courses for Marriage and Family Therapists who are renewing their licenses will give assurance to Hawai'i's consumers Marriage and Family Therapists are current with the latest developments and practices in their field. NASW views continuing education as an essential activity for ensuring quality services for clients. Knowing the best practices and innovations in the field will assist in protecting consumers in getting the best services as possible.

The proposed measure, SB 2466, seems to appropriately address the need for Marriage and Family Therapists to secure continuing education as a means of enhancing their professional knowledge, attitudes, and competencies in the field of psychology. In addition, continuing education serves the needs of clients to receive the most effective services.

I urge your favorable consideration of SB 2466.

SB2466 RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPISTS

Companion Bill: HB2031

To the Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Senate
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to provide information to
this committee. The measure SB2466 proposes Continuing Education (CE) for
Marriage and Family Therapists. I support the intent of this bill, and the
companion bill to ensure that Marriage and Family Therapists are current on their
training in providing essential services. This measure is an assurance to the
community that skills from these professionals are up to date. This bill has the
opportunity to bring Hawai'i into substantial compliance with other professions
providing essential services.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide information to the Senate Committee on
Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Douglas Kainoa Dang

Oahu Board Representative Hawai'i Association Marriage and Family Therapists
(HAMFT)

Member Hawai'i Association Marriage and Family Therapists (HAMFT)

SB2466

Aloha, my name is Lynda Nygren MEd, LPC, LMFT*
clinical member AAMFT

As a 30 year career therapist I know of the importance
of continuing educational activities to maintain best
practices, current knowledge and effective services.
Every professional field requires learning and staying
current. Our families will only benefit from this requirement.
Please consider this in your conscious decision.

Mahalo

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To all concerned parties

I am writing in support of SB2466 requesting mandatory continuing education Units (CEUs) for marriage and family therapists. As a substance abuse counselor at the Army Substance Abuse Program at Schofield Barracks, I am required to be a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) and be certified as a substance abuse counselor (CSAC). My CSAC recertification requires CEUs but currently that is not required for my MFT recertification. CEUs allows me as a professional to keep abreast of the latest research available in my field while taking courses that provide specialized trainings in working with specific populations. As an example, I know you are aware that Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and suicide rate are high in the Army. Having trainings that are geared for these specific populations are essential. Other states require Marriage and Family Therapists to have continuing education credits, A vote in support of SB4266 is a vote in support of a better healthcare in Hawaii

Respectfully submitted

Mark Matsushita LMFT, CSAC, ICADC
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Certified Substance Abuse Counselor
Internationally Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor

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**Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**

January 27, 2014

Friday, January 31, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2465
Relating to Continuing Education for Psychologists

Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the committee. my name is Dr. Jill Oliveira Gray. I am a Licensed Hawai'i Clinical Psychologist and work in several roles to provide and promote psychological services and training in our state. I am currently the Director of Training and one of the Clinical Supervisors at I Ola Lāhui, a rural behavioral health psychology training program. I also hold a Staff Psychologist position at the Waimānalo Health Center and am a past president of the Hawai'i Psychological Association.

I would like to provide testimony in strong support of SB 2465.


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. Many of the psychologists I know, including myself, actively seek out continuing education each year. I regularly attend professional conferences at least twice a year. These conferences provide ample CE opportunities and the question is not *will* I attend a CE workshop, but *which* shall I choose as there are often multiple relevant workshops to participate in and it's often difficult to decide on which to attend.

The Hawai'i Psychological Association has worked closely with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to address relevant concerns regarding continuing education for psychologists. SB2465 is the result of this collaborative process.

The time has come for Hawai'i to join the other 43 states and the District of Columbia where mandated continuing education units have been established as part of their psychology licensing laws. Psychologists must maintain the practice of adapting to changes in our professional landscape and access new knowledge on a regular basis to continually improve our competencies and performance. SB 2465 is a vital step in this direction.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony in strong support of SB 2465.

Respectfully submitted,


Jill Oliveira Gray, Ph.D.

Shelley Shane, MFT
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January 29, 2014

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Senator Malama Solomon
Senator Glenn Wakai
Senator Sam Slom

RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

LETTER OF SUPPORT


Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is (Your name here). I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

I strongly support this bill 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 and Hawaii, have continuing education requirements for licensed marriage and family therapists. 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 SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


Shelley Shane

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January 29, 2014

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Mitchell Berman. I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

I strongly support this bill for the following reasons:

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I greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Irish Acoba
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January 29, 2014

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Irish Acoba. I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

I strongly support this bill 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.

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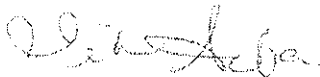
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I urge your favorable consideration of SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



30 January 2014

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RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Virginia Jones. I am both a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist as well as a Hawaii Licensed Mental Health Counselor and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

I strongly support this bill 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.
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- All states, except Michigan and Hawaii, have continuing education requirements for licensed marriage and family therapists. Continuing Education (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 SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Virginia Jones
MA, LMFT, LMHC, NCC, CSAC, SAP

January 29, 2014

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RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Alan Tamai. I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

I strongly support this bill for the following reasons:

1. Continuing education increases the knowledge base and competency levels of marriage and family therapy professionals.
2. 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.
3. Continuing education opportunities will continue to be available statewide via in-person webinars, and teleconferences by approved providers.
4. All states, except Michigan and Hawaii, have continuing education requirements for licensed marriage and family therapists. CE is a national standard. We Marriage and Family Therapists in Hawaii want to be recognized as meeting that standard.
5. Marriage and Family Therapists provide critical services in prevention, intervention, and treatment to a broad spectrum of clientele.
6. 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 SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Alan Tamai

January 26, 2014

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

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara

Senator Malama Solomon

Senator Glenn Wakai

Senator Sam Slom

RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Catherine A. Bruns. I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists. I strongly support this bill 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 and Hawaii, have continuing education requirements for licensed marriage and family therapists. Continuing education is a national standard in all psychological service professions. 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 SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Senator Malama Solomon, Senator Glenn Wakai, and Senator Sam Slom

DATE: January 24, 2014

RE: Letter of Support for SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

Dear Senator Baker, Chair, Senator Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am a member of AAMFT-Hawaii Division and a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. I strongly support continuing education for all mental health disciplines and as such, strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

My reasons are as follows:

- Continuing education increases the knowledge base and competency levels of marriage and family therapy professionals. I know this first hand as my National Counselor Certification (NCC) requires CEs.
- 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.
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I urge your favorable consideration of SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

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January 26, 2014

TO:

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists
LETTER OF SUPPORT

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, My name is Jeffrie Wagner. I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

I strongly support this bill for the following reasons:

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I urge your favorable consideration of SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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January 26, 2014

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RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is (Your name here). I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (or other licensure/profession if not a MFT) and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

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I urge your favorable consideration of SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

YOUR SIGNATURE

Jennifer Cornwell MFT

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January 30, 2014

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

LETTER OF SUPPORT

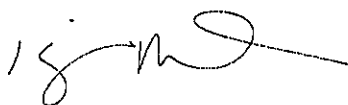
Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Isaiah Moreno. I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

I strongly support this bill for the following reasons:

- Continuing education increases the knowledge base and competency levels of marriage and family therapy professionals, making them more equipped to help families in Hawaii.
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I urge your favorable consideration of SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Isaiah Moreno, MFT, CSAC
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT-307)

January 28, 2014

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Senator Malama Solomon
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RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Cynthia Carlton-Jarmon. I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

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I urge your favorable consideration of SB 2466. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,


Cynthia Carlton-Jarmon, MFT

January 26, 2014

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
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RE: SB 2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, my name is Chiyo Churchill, MFT. I am a Hawaii Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and I strongly support SB2466 Relating to Continuing Education for Marriage and Family Therapists.

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