

SB 2491

Measure Title: RELATING TO NURSING.

Report Title: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; Licensure

Description: Replaces references to advanced practice registered nurse recognition with advanced practice registered nurse licensure to align Hawaii's law with national standards.

Companion: HB2095

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s): BAKER, GREEN, English, Espero, Galuteria, Ige, Ihara, Nishihara, Taniguchi, Wakai

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

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

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014
9:00 a.m.**

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2491, RELATING TO NURSING.

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

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2491, Relating to Nursing, that would replace references to advanced practice registered nurse "recognition" with advanced practice registered nurse "licensure" to align Hawaii's law with national standards.

The Board supports this bill which would clarify the statutes. Currently, Hawaii issues a separate advanced practice registered ("APRN") nurse "license" to a qualified APRN.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2491.

Legislative Committee

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HAWAII ASSOCIATION of
PROFESSIONAL NURSES

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health
February 12, 2014 9:00 am

SB 2491 RELATING TO NURSING

Chair Baker, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of this bill, SB 2491.

This measure replaces references to advanced practice registered nurse recognition with that of advanced practice registered nurse licensure. This change is necessary to align Hawaii's law with national standards and to eliminate a major obstacle to portability for Hawaii APRNs who choose to practice in other states.

In 2010, the Hawaii Legislature passed SB 1263,SD2, HD1 (Act 57) and Hawaii became one of the Nation's early leaders to adopt the Consensus Model. However, there remains a final titling change from APRN Recognition (Hawaii's title) to APRN License (national). As long as regulatory requirements and language differ from state to state, each state border represents an obstacle to portability, potentially preventing access to professionals and access to care. Although it is a simple change which does not affect the APRN licensure or re-licensure requirements, it still represents an obstacle to portability for Hawaii APRNs who choose to practice outside the state.

Therefore, HAPN respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2491, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Amy Vasconcellos, Vice Chair
Legislative Committee
Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses

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Submitted on: 2/10/2014

Testimony for CPN on Feb 12, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Scharnhorst	UHMC Nursing Program	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francisco Conde	Hawaii State Center for Nursing	Support	No

Comments: This is a simple change from "recognition" to "licensure", and this will align with other state boards of nursing. I support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Allison	Hawaii State Center for Nursing	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Margaret Maupin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2491. As long as regulatory requirements differ from state to state, each state border represents an obstacle to portability—potentially preventing access to professionals and access to care. The National Council State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice of Registered Nurses (APRN) Consensus Model (Consensus Model) provides guidance for states to adopt uniformity in the regulation of APRN roles. The target date to complete that work is 2015. In 2010, the Hawaii Legislature, in its wisdom, passed SB 1263, SD2, HD1 (Act 57) and Hawaii became one of the Nation's early leaders to adopt the Consensus Model. However, there remains a final titling change from APRN Recognition (Hawaii's title) to APRN License (national). Although it is a simple change which does not affect the APRN licensure or re-licensure requirements, it is an obstacle to portability for Hawaii APRNs who choose to practice in another state or multiple states. This wording/titling change will make it clear to other regulatory nursing boards and reduce the confusion of other State boards to question whether a recognition is equivalent to licensure. I respectfully request this Committee pass SB 2491, unamended. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
February 12, 2013 9:00 a.m.

by
Christine Beck APRN

SB 2491 RELATING TO NURSING

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB 2491.

As long as regulatory requirements differ from state to state, each state border represents an obstacle to portability—potentially preventing access to health professionals and access to care.

The National Council State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice of Registered Nurses (APRN) Consensus Model (Consensus Model) provides guidance for states to adopt uniformity in the regulation of APRN roles. The target date to complete that work is 2015.

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Therefore, as an APRN, nurse educator, and community member, I respectfully request that this Committee pass SB 2491, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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by
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Region 9 Director, American Association of Nurse Practitioners

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Therefore, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and I as an APRN respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2491, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
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February 12, 2013 9:00 a.m.

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

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Therefore, the Hawaii State Center for Nursing respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2491, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
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February 12, 2013 9:00 a.m.
by
Susan Lee

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Therefore, Susan Lee respectfully requests that this Committee pass SB 2491, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.