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TESTIMONY TO: **House Committee on Health**

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: **SB 2491**

"RELATING TO NURSING"

March 07, 2014
09:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329

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Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2491. I am Alan Parker, Director of the Hawai'i County Office of Aging and Board Member of the Hawaii State Rural Health Association. It is critical that SB 2491 be passed to expand our health workforce in Hawaii and work towards maximizing everyone's expertise in the healthcare system.

A key to improving our healthcare system that is also a key element in the National Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, is the promotion of "Patient Centered Care" which emphasizes a "Team Concept" to ensure safety as well as efficiency. This is the only way we will be able to meet the health needs of our rapidly growing population. SB 2491 works towards this aim by aligning the Hawaii terminology to national standards and I am in full support of this bill.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify.

Alan R. Parker
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**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Friday, March 7, 2014
9:30 a.m.

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

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, 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.

Date/time: Friday, March 7, 2014; 9:30 am
Conference Room 329

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: SB 2491 Relating To Nursing
Testimony in Support

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and I am the Chief Operating Officer at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-government employer. It is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

I write in support of SB 2491 which replaces references to advanced practice registered nurse "recognition" with advanced practice registered nurse "licensure" to align Hawaii's law with national standards.

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) making Hawaii 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 relicensure requirements, it is an obstacle to portability for Hawaii APRNs who choose to practice in another state or multiple states. That is, being an APRN licensed in Hawaii is clear to other regulatory nursing boards, but being an APRN "recognized" in Hawaii has caused some boards to question whether a "recognition" is equivalent to licensure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. We ask that you pass this measure.





Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
March 7, 2013 9:30 a.m.

by
Dale Allison, PhD, WHNP-BC, FNP, APRN-Rx, FAAN
Member, HSCN Advisory Board
Hawaii State Center for Nursing
University of Hawai'i at Manoa

SB 2491 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, 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.

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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
House Committee on Health
March 7, 2013 9:300 a.m.
by
Beth Hoban
Board Member, Hawaii State Center for Nursing

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March 7, 2013 9:300 a.m.

by
Kathy Yokouchi, Policy Analyst
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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Lenora Lorenzo	American Association of Nurse Practitioners	Support	No

Comments: 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 relicensure requirements, it is an obstacle to portability for Hawaii APRNs who choose to practice in another state or multiple states. That is, being an APRN licensed in Hawaii is clear to other regulatory nursing boards, but being an APRN recognized in Hawaii has caused some boards to question whether a recognition is equivalent to licensure. 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.

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PROFESSIONAL NURSES

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health
March 7, 2014 9:30 am

SB 2491 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, 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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**Testimony Regarding
SB2491 (APRN)
Relating to Health**

**Submitted by Diana M V Shaw, PhD, MPH, MBA, FACMPE
Executive Director, Lāna'i Community Health Center
Room 329 March 7, 2014 9:30AM**

Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2491

I am writing to offer my support for SB2491. As a Board Member of the Hawaii State Rural Health Association, I believe strongly in the need to expand our health workforce in Hawaii and have everyone maximize their use in the healthcare system. We know that we have a shortage of healthcare professionals, and that this shortage is greatest in rural areas. Without healthcare providers, patients cannot get the care they need. That is why everyone in health care must work together as work a team, performing to the top of his/her level of training. Only in this way will be able to meet the needs of our ever-growing population. SB2491 works toward this aim by aligning the Hawaii terminology to national standards and I fully support it. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Mahalo and Salamat for the opportunity to comment on this critically important plan,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D.V. Shaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Diana M. V. Shaw, PhD, MPH, MBA, FACMPE
Executive Director

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Friday – March 7, 2014 – 9:30am
Conference Room 329

The House Committee on Health

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

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
SB 2491 — Relating to Nursing

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 SB 2491, which would replace references to advanced practice registered nurse recognition with advanced practice registered nurse licensure to align Hawaii's law with national standards.

HAH supports this technical fix, which will bring Hawaii's APRN laws into alignment with national standards. This housekeeping measure will expand access to care by allowing portability of APRN licensure from other states to Hawaii, allowing talented APRNs from other states to care for patients in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2491.

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

Comments: This bill is a simple change, which does not affect the APRN licensure or relicensure requirements. The current statute is an obstacle to portability for Hawaii APRNs who choose to practice in another state or multiple states. That is, being an APRN licensed in Hawaii is clear to other regulatory nursing boards, but being an APRN recognized in Hawaii has caused some boards to question whether a recognition is equivalent to licensure. I support this bill.

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Matt Bishop	Individual	Support	No

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Terri Pacheco APRN	Individual	Support	No

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Laura Reichhardt	Individual	Support	No

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House of Representatives Committee on Health
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB 2491

I am an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in practice in Hilo. Hawaii Island experiences a distressing shortage of specialty and primary health care providers. APRNs have begun to fill the gap, and play an important role in providing otherwise inaccessible health care to the residents of Hawaii Island. APRNs are an important part of the health care workforce in Hawaii, serving Hawaiians in all walks of life throughout their childhood and adult years.

I greatly appreciate this Committee's review of the existing state laws and strongly support SB 2491. This measure eliminates confusion and clarifies the regulation of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in the state of Hawaii and also aligns Hawaii law with national standards.

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 2491 APRNs in Hawaii will be better defined and able to provide quality health care to patients in all circumstances to the full extent of their education and training.

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

Allen Novak, APRN
Hilo, Hawaii

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, March 07, 2014

TIME: 9:30am

PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol

by

Dr. Linda Beechinor, APRN

TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
and, Health Committee Members

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill to replace references to “advanced practice registered nurse recognition” with “advanced practice registered nurse licensure” to align Hawaii’s law with national standards.

I respectfully request that this Committee pass SB 2491 unamended.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Barbara Hayes, MSN, APRN	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Kawasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an APRN it is important that our state conform with the national recommendations to recognize us by licensure and not just by recognition. Now that a masters is required for certification for APRNS it is similar to separating a LPN from an RN. We now need to separate the APRN from the RN.

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