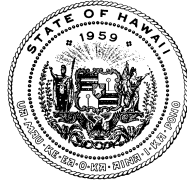


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1755
RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

REP. DELLA BELATTI, CHAIR
HOSUE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 3, 2016

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

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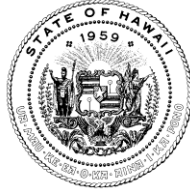
3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this proposal to assure that
4 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) have all the environmental and policy supports to practice
5 at the top of their license. APRNs are a critical source of primary care for Hawaii's residents.

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7 **Offered Amendments:** N/A

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To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair,
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Health

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. 1755 Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

H.B. 1755 proposes to amend various statutes including Sections 386-1 and 386-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), of the Workers' Compensation Law to include Advanced Practice Registered Nurses ("APRN") in the definition of health care provider.

The department has no objection to this measure.

II. CURRENT LAW

Section 386-1, HRS, defines "health care provider" and "physician" as a person qualified by the director to render health care and service and has a license for the practice of Medicine, Dentistry, Chiropractic, Naturopathic, Optometry, Podiatry, and Psychology. Section 386-27, HRS, establishes the qualifications and duties of those health care providers.

III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL

The department has no objection to the proposal.

- The intent of the Workers' Compensation law is to provide adequate and proper medical care to the injured worker to insure maximum medical improvement of conditions resulting from industrial injuries and to return the injured worker to the work force as quickly as the process allows.
- The worker's compensation program requires that the worker select one "Attending Physician" (section 386-1, HRS) who is responsible for coordinating the injured workers' entire treatment program. An attending physician's medical training, expertise, and knowledge is imperative to diagnose and treat all aspects of an injured worker's medical condition, including, but not limited to, determination of the need for concurrent treatment, consultations, surgery, and direct referrals to other health care professionals.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
8:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1755, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE
REGISTERED NURSES.**

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1755, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, that amends various statutes to clarify the role of advanced practice registered nurses ("APRNs") with regards to their authority and participation in the health care system.

The Board strongly supports this bill. In the past the Legislature has recognized the importance of the APRN's practice and the vital role they play in the increased access to primary care for residents of this State. Since legislation in 1994 that established the requirements for APRN licensure in Hawaii, their scope of practice has evolved and advanced faster than we can keep up with the changes in the statutes and administrative rules. That could explain why there are still some state laws and/or administrative rules that fail to recognize the APRN as a primary care provider.

It is imperative that we remove barriers to the APRN's practice. APRNs are able to provide safe and effective care within the scope of their training and education. It has

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also been suggested by the Federal Trade Commission that APRNs may help to alleviate shortages in health care access if undue regulatory burdens are reduced.

APRNs should be allowed to practice to their fullest capabilities without any restrictions making health care more accessible for the residents of this State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1755.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wailua Brandman	Hawaii Assoc. of Professional Nurses	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and members of the House Committee on Health. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in Strong Support of HB1755, Relating to Advance Practice Registered Nurses. Leaders of the Nursing community have come together to unite with one voice that institution of the issues in this bill are necessary to remove the barriers still in place in our statutes in the face of the Legislature granting APRNs Full Practice Authority in 2011. HAPN has only one additional request of the Committee, and that is to amend Section 8, Part 1, inserting "Controlled" after over the counter drugs, and striking, "provided that an advanced practice registered nurse shall not request, receive, or sign for professional controlled substance samples." This language was written before APRNs were granted the authority to prescribe controlled substances II-IV, and is now obsolete. The statute should accurately reflect the authority of the APRN. There are instances where delivery of care is prevented by this outdated language, e.g., Lanai Community Clinic where APRNs are not allowed to dispense pain meds for their patients suffering from trauma, or cough syrup with codeine to folks with upper respiratory illnesses. These patients do not have ready access to a pharmacy and so must suffer longer because of outdated statutes. HAPN appreciates your support in updating the statutes to accurately reflect the full authority of APRNs as wisely granted by the Legislature in 2011. Mahalo for all you do for the people of this great state. Warmest Aloha, Wailua Brandman APRN FAANP, HAPN Legislative Committee Chair, 615 Piikoi Street, Suite 1406, Honolulu, HI 96814; 808-255-4442

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**February 03, 2016 at 8:30am
Conference Room 329**

House Committee on Health

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone
Chief Nurse Executive, Hawaii Pacific Health
Chief Executive Officer, Pali Momi Medical Center and Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: Testimony in Support – HB 1755

My name is Art Gladstone and I am the Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH), and the Chief Executive Officer of Pali Momi Medical Center and Straub Clinic and Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer. Hawai'i Pacific Health 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.

HPH is writing in **support** of HB 1755 which amends various statutes to clarify the role of advanced practice registered nurses with regards to their authority and participation in the health care system. Prior legislation has recognized appropriately trained advanced practice registered nurses as primary care providers to provide improved access to health care services, expedite processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for patients, especially in rural and underserved areas. HB 1755 would enable advanced practice registered nurses to provide quality health care and meet the needs of patients to the full extent of their education and training.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

2/3/2016

House Committee on Health
The Honorable Representative Belatti, Chair
The Honorable representative Creagan, Vice Chair

Honorable Representative and Committee Members

The Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants has comments regarding House Bill 1755.

Medicare defines non physician providers as follows:

Non-Physician Practitioners (NPPS) fall into 2 broad categories: Physician Assistants (PAs) and Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs or ARNP's)

The ACA (Affordable Care Act) recognizes PAs as an essential part of the solution to the primary care shortage by formally acknowledging them as one of the three primary care health providers, along with I,IPs and doctors. Medical home accreditors recognize PM. Standards from NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance), JCAHO (The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations), and URAC (Utilization Review Accreditation Commission) recognize PAs as primary care providers and as qualified to lead patient care teams

In most cases, whenever legislative changes regarding the provision of medical care proposes changes to include nurse practitioners (NPs/APRNs) language should also include PM who are an integral part of the health care team in improving access to care and providing primary Medical care to patients in Hawaii.

HAPA has proposed additional amendments to HD 1755, which include PAs where appropriate. They are attached and HAPA would appreciate the committee's consideration of adding and passing these amendments.

Fielding Mercer, PA-C
Legislative Liaison
Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
February 3, 2016 8:30 a.m.
by
Laura Reichhardt, NP-C, APRN, Director
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

HB 1755 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for HB 1755 Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

In 2009, the Legislature in its great wisdom, introduced Act 169, which clarified the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) by requiring insurers, mutual and fraternal benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to recognize APRNs as primary care providers and granting global signature authority and prescriptive rights. By passing Act 169, SLH 2009, Hawai'i became one of the leading states in the nation to recognize the impact APRNs with full scope of practice authority may have on improving access to safe, quality health care for its people.

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This outstanding support from the Legislature is again being sought after to amend certain sections within the Hawai'i Revised Statutes. With the changes proposed in HB 1755, APRNs in Hawai'i will be better able to provide quality health care and meet the needs of their patients to the full extent of their education and training¹.

Therefore, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing respectfully requests that HB 1755 pass unamended. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill.

¹ The 2010 report proposed that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), if permitted to practice to the full extent of their education and training, could help build the workforce necessary to satisfy the health care needs of an increasing number of people with access to health insurance and contribute their unique skills to the delivery of patient-centered health care. The committee recommends [...] work with other health professions groups, policy makers, and the nursing community to build common ground around removing scope of practice restrictions and increasing interprofessional collaboration to improve health care practice in the interest of patients. (Institute of Medicine Five-Year Assessment of Progress on the of the Future of Nursing Report)

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
February 3, 2016 8:30 a.m.
by
Susan Lee, BSN, RN, WCC**

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Matt Bishop	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this measure, it will help the rural areas of Hawaii tremendously and make work flow and improve efficiency of other health care businesses!

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Dr. Lenora Lorenzo	Individual	Support	No

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Allen Novak	Individual	Support	No

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