

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

AND

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1756, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, RELATING TO NURSING.

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1756, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, Relating to Nursing, which requires all nurse licensure applicants and nurse license renewal applicants to comply with state and federal criminal history record checks.

The Board supports this bill that would require new nurse license, reactivation and restoration applicants to submit a full set of electronic fingerprints for the purposes of a criminal history check directly to the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center ("HCJDC") starting on July 1, 2017, and would allow the Board to require licensees issued prior to July 1, 2017 to submit a full set of electronic fingerprints for the purposes of a criminal history check directly to the HCJDC over three (3) bienniums starting with the 2019 renewals.

The number of “active” licensed nurses (LPNs, RNs and APRNs) as of the latest geographic report dated January 26, 2016 was 25,865. Processing this many renewals at one time with the addition of a criminal background check will create a workload issue for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (“PVLD”). Allowing the PVLD to conduct criminal background checks over a period of three (3) renewal periods will address some of the workload issues for staff. Thus, the Board appreciates the delayed implementation included in the current version of this measure that will ensure that the proposed requirement can be adopted in a manner that will not compromise timely processing of license applications and renewals. However, PVLD will also need the authority to establish four Office Assistant (“OA”) positions (two OA IV positions and two OA V positions) and an increase to its budget ceiling by \$188,128 in order to implement this requirement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill
No. 1756, H.D. 3, S.D. 1.

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