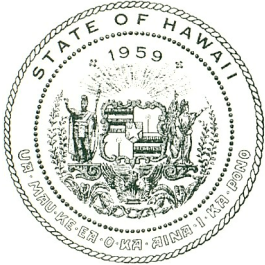


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February 2, 2016

Testimony in Support of HB 1899, Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard Creagan, Vice-Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Cathy Betts, Executive Director
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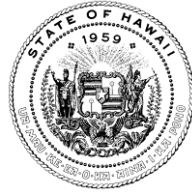
Re: Testimony in Support of HB 1899

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women is in support of HB 1899.

Certified Professional Midwives are nationally certified independent and skilled practitioners who are currently recognized in thirty states where they provide comprehensive maternity care for low risk women in out of hospital birth settings. In order for CPMs to be recognized as such, their practice and licensure should be regulated. This bill seeks to regulate the provision of care through CPMs and would ensure improved access to maternal health services, especially for low risk women who live in rural areas or have difficulty reaching a hospital.

Additionally, this bill would allow for CPMs to have ordering privileges for routine tests to provide standard pregnancy care and would allow CPMs to carry and use pertinent emergency equipment and medication for deliveries.

The Commission supports full and comprehensive access to maternity health services—this bill helps to ensure that access. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support.



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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. 1899, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF
CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES.**

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

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”). The Department appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill No. 1899, Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives.

The purpose of House Bill No. 1899 is to regulate the practice of midwifery care by establishing licensure requirements, continuing education requirements, and minimum training standards.

House Bill No. 1899 creates a new chapter to regulate the practice of midwifery. A sunrise analysis of a proposal to regulate certified professional midwives was

conducted and reported in March 1999 (Report No. 99-14). The Auditor analyzed whether certified professional midwives should be regulated as proposed in House Bill No. 3123, which was introduced during the 1998 Regular Session. The Auditor assessed the probable effects of regulation and which state agency would be best suited to implement regulation. The Legislature requested the analysis via Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64, Senate Draft 1 of the 1998 session.

The report concluded that the regulation of certified professional midwives and other lay (non-nurse) midwives is warranted in order to protect consumers by helping ensure that practitioners have the basic skills, and follow appropriate standards for consumer protections. The report suggested that either the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the Department of Health could administer the regulatory program. The report also mentioned that regulation would be premature until key issues are resolved concerning the scope and nature of regulation and the weaknesses of House Bill No. 3123. Therefore, it was recommended that House Bill No. 3123 should not be enacted.

The last sunrise analysis was performed in 1999, that is, seventeen years ago. The Department respectfully requests that a new study be conducted in order to ensure that all affected parties are given adequate due consideration on whether or not regulation is warranted. The Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act states that professions and vocation should be regulated only when necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of consumers.

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Thursday, February 4, 2016

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Therefore, the Department strongly suggests that a current analysis be conducted on whether certified professional midwives should be regulated as proposed in House Bill No. 1899.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 1899.



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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
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TWENTY-EIGHTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 2016

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016
8:30 A.M.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1899
RELATING TO LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD P. CREAGAN, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on House Bill No.1899, Relating to Certified Professional Midwives. My name is Daria Loy-Goto and I am the Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). RICO offers comments on the bill.

House Bill No. 1899 creates a new chapter for the licensure of certified professional midwives. RICO defers to the Department's Professional and

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Vocational Licensing Division on issues related to licensure, but offers enforcement-related comments on the bill.

RICO has concerns that House Bill No. 1899 does not include enforcement provisions commonly found in professional and vocational licensing chapters, including provisions for reporting disciplinary action by other states. Moreover, and to the extent that scope of practice is yet to be determined, any related enforcement provisions would need to be included.

House Bill No. 1899 also does not specifically provide for enforcement of unlicensed activity. In particular, the definition of the "Practice of midwifery" does not require a license. This is problematic because RICO would have difficulty determining whether any particular conduct in the practice of midwifery would or would not require a license.

RICO notes that several bills in recent years have sought to establish a regulatory scheme for midwives. RICO has been and continues to be willing to work with stakeholders on the issue of licensure in this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1899. I will be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

I am a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) in Hawaii. Two bills are currently pending in the legislature, HB 1899 and SB 2326 that would allow CPM midwives such as myself to gain licensure in Hawaii. I am supportive of these bills and want to ask you to support their passage as well. In Hawaii we all believe a woman should be able to birth in the place she chooses and in the manner her convictions, traditions, and heart require. It is important to note that having a baby outside of a hospital needs an informed mother. Thankfully, there has been a lot of information available regarding these types of birth choices, and as a legislator you might be interested in some of them.

The majority of states (currently 30) already allow for out of hospital births and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced. Hawaii will be joining the bulk of the rest of the nation in moving forward greater access and potentially lower costs in birth. It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others. As midwives that are trained to attend these births, we follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. We hold ourselves as consummate professionals and provide that strong level of care to moms and babies that we demand in our own lives.

The licensing of CPM's will increase access to care for women, especially in the Naalehu, Kau, and Oceanview areas of the Big Island, where outcomes are poor. This will allow practitioners like me the ability to offer each woman continuity of care and reduce the strain on the hospital system for low risk, educated women who want to choose a qualified out of hospital provider. Since CPM's are not licensed in Hawaii, we spend much of our time referring our clients to other doctors in order to receive ultrasounds, labs and medications for even a simple yeast infection.

There have been questions raised about the safety of having a baby outside of a hospital. I assure you I spend more time with my clients, up to 40 hours or more per pregnant mom, than most institutional practitioners who simply do not have the time to spend one-on-one. Studies following out of hospital midwives both in the United States and Europe have continued to show that for low-risk women there is little difference in outcome except that those delivering outside the hospital were even *less* likely to need a C-Section. The important thing in these studies, and something these bills include, is the need for out of hospital midwives to have a set standard of training and licensure, a scope of practice, and a path of accountability. Most of us follow these practices already and simply await the ability to hold ourselves to the highest standard through licensure. We can all agree these are necessary steps in our state and this legislation ensures our mothers will be safe, covered by professionals, and continue to have lower costs with greater access to care.

Again, I urge you to vote YES for HB 1899 and SB 2326. In the end it will allow women in Hawaii the access to care that is important to us all, that is safe, and that will give more choice and options to all of us on each island.

Sincerely,

Amy Kirbow, CPM

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Testimony for HLT on Feb 3, 2016 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Minton	Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments: Nina Millar, Vice President of Midwives Alliance of Hawaii, will be present to testify.
Thank you, Lea Minton, CNM President, Midwives Alliance of Hawaii

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Lea Minton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Midwives Alliance of Hawaii testimony and encourage the Health Committee to make the recommended edits in order to ensure that this bill directly addresses licensing certified professional midwives. Licensing CPMs in our state will help women and families gain access to another option for skilled maternal health providers, and CPMs can help to provide care to women in rural areas in our state. I believe this bill is an important step forward for Hawaii in providing safe options for consumers electing to birth out of the hospital.

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January 30, 2016

Representative Della Au Belatti
Chair, House of Representatives Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 426
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Dear Representative Della Au Belatti,

Midwives Alliance of Hawaii strongly supports HB1899. As a state non-profit organization who represents out of hospital midwives, we would like to see HB1899 enacted so that certified professional midwives (CPMs) can be licensed and practice to their fullest scope in the state of Hawaii. CPMs are nationally certified independent and skilled practitioners who are currently recognized in thirty (30) states where they provide comprehensive maternity care for low risk women in out of hospital birth settings.

Licensure of CPMs in Hawaii will improve the safety of out of hospital birth by providing consumers with access to skilled professional midwives, giving CPMs ordering privileges for routine tests to provide standard pregnancy care while assessing the appropriateness of their clients and by allowing CPMs to carry and use pertinent emergency equipment and medication for deliveries. CPMs can also help improve access to maternal health services for families in rural areas in the State of Hawaii by providing prenatal and postpartum care to low risk women desiring to birth in hospitals but who may either live far from a provider, or have transportation barriers that prohibit her from receiving recommended care. Licensure will help improve relationships between hospital providers and CPMs as their specialty will be recognized, and they can more easily work to build collaborative relationships within the healthcare community.

Midwives Alliance of Hawaii encourages the House of Representatives Health Committee to pass HB1899 with the following edits:

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- Line 10-11: Change "The purpose of this Act is to regulate the practice of midwifery" to "We recognize that many different categories of midwives practice within the State of Hawaii; the purpose of this Act is to regulate certified professional midwives that practice midwifery care". We believe this must be specific as certified nurse midwives are already regulated who practice midwifery and traditional birth attendants do not want to be named in this bill; HB1899 is specifically addressing licensing certified professional midwives.

Page 3, Section 1 Definitions:

- Line 14-19: Strike "'Traditional birth attendant' or 'traditional midwife' means a person who assists a mother during childbirth and who initially acquired the person's skills by delivering babies, through an apprenticeship to other traditional birth attendants, or through cultural lineage and who practices independently and does not hold formal certification." We recommend removing the entire definition of traditional birth attendant after speaking with several of them and their request to be excluded completely from this bill.

Page 5, Section 3 Advisory committee; appointment; term:

- Line 8: We recommend changing from "eight members" to "five members".

- Line 10: Strike “non-” so that it reads “voting member”.
- Line 11: change from "Four licensed midwives" to "Three licensed midwives".
- Line 18-20: Strike "and one certified nurse midwife who each have at least three years of experience in the practice of midwifery and". We focused in on having CPMs make up the professionals on the licensure advisory committee because they are aware of the training routes and practice standards. We are aware that other committees and licensing boards are able to consult with other professional boards and committees in the State for feedback as needed, and we would expect this advisory committee to do the same.

Page 6, Section 3 Advisory committee; appointment; term:

- Line 3-4: Strike "One traditional birth attendant, who shall be a voting member;". The traditional birth attendants do not want to be named in this bill and in understanding that this is not a home birth panel, we would like to keep the advisory committee professionals limited to CPMs.
- Line 5-9: Strike “One licensed physician, who has provided primary maternity care for at least twenty births in the twelve-month period prior to appointment, maintains current hospital privileges, and has attended at least one home birth, who shall be a non-voting member; and”. Understanding that this bill focuses on licensing CPMs and is not a home birth panel, we would like to keep the advisory committee professionals limited to CPMs.
- Line 13: Strike “non-“, so that it read “voting member.”

Page 9, Section 5 License; Qualifications:

- Line 9-11: Strike number 3 “Documentation of a graduate letter from a Midwifery Education Accreditation Council accredited school or letter of completion of portfolio evaluation process; and”. The North American Registry of Midwives validates the midwife’s schooling or portfolio completion prior to certification, therefore their certification demonstrates they have completed the education requirement.
- Line 16: Add “(c) Only a person who has a current, unencumbered recognition from the department to practice as a licensed midwife shall use the title "Licensed Midwife" and the abbreviation "L.M.". No other person shall assume the title "Licensed Midwife" or in any manner imply that the person is a licensed midwife except as defined in [this] section **[insert section]** or use the abbreviation "L.M." or any other words, letter, sign, or device to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed midwife. Nothing in this section shall preclude a certified professional midwife who is not recognized by the department as a licensed midwife and who is currently certified by a national certifying body recognized by the department from using another title designated by certification.” We feel this is an important safety measure for consumers so that other midwives practicing in the state who are not licensed do not use mislead consumers or other professionals by calling themselves a licensed midwife.

Page 12, Section 8 Exemptions:

- Line 1-2: Strike "A traditional birth attendant who does not receive compensation for midwifery services; or". The traditional birth attendants do not want to be named in this bill and in understanding that this is not a bill to regulate home birth but rather a bill to license CPMs, we would like to keep the focus directed on CPMs.

Page 14, Section 11 Immunity from vicarious liability:

- Line 2: There is a quote mark at the end of the sentence that appears to be an error at the end of the sentence. This should be deleted.

We appreciate your time and efforts on HB1899 and request your support in moving this legislation forward so that families in Hawaii can benefit from the safety and access that is afforded them through licensing certified professional midwives. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lea Minton, MSN, APRN, CNM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nina millar	midwife with Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments: As a midwife serving women of Hawaii for over thirty years, a founding member of Midwives Alliance of Hawaii and its current Vice president, I am requesting that the members of the House of Representatives' Health committee support HB1899 with the edits submitted by MAH on 1/30/2016. I believe the licensing of certified professional midwives would allow greater access to the midwifery model of care for Hawaii's families choosing out of hospital birth and meet the state's need for qualified maternal healthcare providers.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beth DeFrance	Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: As a midwife and member of Midwives Alliance of Hawaii, I wanted to write to you in support of the current legislation pending in HB 1899 and SB 2326. The ability to give birth in the place and way of a woman's choosing is important to many families in Hawaii and to me as well. The choice to have a baby outside of a hospital setting cannot be taken lightly. In fact, a lot of information is already available regarding these types of birth choices, and as a legislator you might be interested in some of them as I was. For instance, 30 states already allow for these types of out of hospital births and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced. It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others. As midwives that are trained to attend these births, we follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. We hold ourselves as consummate professionals and provide that strong level of care to moms and babies that we demand in our own lives. Questions have been raised about the safety of having a baby outside of a hospital. Studies following out of hospital midwives both in the United States and in Europe have continued to show that for low-risk women there was little difference in outcome except that those delivering outside the hospital were even less likely to need a C-Section. The important thing in these studies, and something these bills include, is the need for out of hospital midwives to have a set standard of training and licensure, a scope of practice, and a path of accountability. Most of us follow these practices already and simply await the ability to hold ourselves to the highest standard through licensure. We can all agree these are necessary steps in our state and this legislation ensures our mothers will be safe, covered by professionals, and continue to have lower costs with greater access to care. I urge you to vote YES for HB 1899 and SB 2326 so that women in Hawaii will continue to have access to the type of care that is important to us all, that is safe, and that will give more choice and options to all of us on each island. Sincerely, Beth DeFrance, CPM

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February 1, 2016

Representative Della Au Belatti
Chair, House of Representatives Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 426
4115 South Berentania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB1899

Dear Representative Della Au Belatti,

NAME: Selena M. Green, CPM

I am in **SUPPORT OF HB1899 with the REVISIONS** sent by Midwives Alliance of Hawaii, to license CPMs. I have been a Certified Professional Midwife since 2006. After attending a 3 year program and intensive apprenticeship program, I sat for the national exam given by NARM, the North American Registry of Midwives and received my certification. I believe this licensure will ensure quality, comprehensive midwifery care for the families of Hawaii!

This licensure will allow me to practice within my Scope of Care for low risk pregnancies. It will also help address the need for more professional providers in maternity care and to reduce the incidence of Csections in Hawaii.

This type of licensure will provide access to low income and disenfranchised families in Hawaii, by providing options that approximately 1.5% of Hawaii's families want. I also want to emphasize that this bill pertains ONLY to CPMs and not all other midwifery providers in the State.

The ability to give birth in the place and way of a woman's choosing is important to many families in Hawaii and to me as well. The choice to have a baby outside of a hospital setting with a skilled and licensed provider, such as a Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs), cannot be taken lightly. In fact, a lot of information is already available regarding these types of birth choices, and as a legislator you might be interested in some of them as I was.

For instance, **30 states already recognize CPMs** and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced regarding home birth midwives. It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others. As midwives that are trained to attend these births, we follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. We hold ourselves as consummate professionals and provide that strong level of care to moms and babies that we demand in our own lives.

Questions have been raised about the safety of having a baby outside of a hospital. Studies following out of hospital midwives both in the United States and in Europe have continued to show that for low-risk women there was little difference in outcome except that those delivering outside the hospital were even *less* likely to need a C-Section. The important thing in these studies, and something these bills include, is the need for out of hospital midwives to have a set standard of training and licensure, a scope of practice, and a path of accountability, CPMs fit these requirements. Most CPMs in Hawaii follow these practices already and simply await the ability to hold ourselves to the highest standard through licensure. We can all agree these are necessary steps in our state and this legislation ensures our mothers will be safe, covered by professionals, and continue to have lower costs with greater access to care.

I appreciate your time and efforts on HB1899 and request your support in moving this legislation forward so that families in Hawaii can benefit from the safety and access that is afforded them through licensing certified professional midwives. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Selena M. Green, CPM
Treasurer, Midwives Alliance of Hawaii

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Aloha!

As a Certified Professional Midwife and current Hawaiian resident considering voting in the next elections, I am asking you to please consider HB1899 and SB2326.

Myself and our active Midwives Alliance of Hawai'i are in favor of this bill which addresses some current safety issues for birthing families in Hawai'i. The safety of our mothers and babies is priority for us and I know it is for you too!

We provide safe, accessible and cost-effective care for low-risk pregnant mothers. As CPMs and MAH members we adhere to high standards of practice protocols and accountability.

This bill will improve safety for the public and accessibility for families and provide more cost effective care for our state and our families! There are many research studies on the safety of homebirth for low-risk women. If you would like some links to these studies please let us know.

Many pregnant women have come to me for care because there was no other reasonable care options available for them. Licensure for CPMs will enable us to work more congruently with other health professionals to provide the best care we can for the women and families of Hawai'i.

Women and families here in Hawai'i are asking for their birthing choices! Please hear them!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sherina Tatum, CPM



To Whom it May Concern:

Childbirth is a rite of passage into motherhood which has been shown to have excellent outcomes under the care of a skilled health care provider.

So the question we must ask ourselves is why midwives? The Midwives Model of Care™ is Woman-Centered which is a fundamentally different approach to pregnancy and childbirth than contemporary obstetrics. Midwifery care is uniquely nurturing, hands-on care before, during, and after birth. Midwives are health care professionals specializing in pregnancy and childbirth who develop a trusting relationship with their clients, which results in confident, supported labor and birth. While there are different types of midwives practicing in various settings, all midwives are trained to provide comprehensive prenatal care and education, guide labor and birth, address complications, and care for newborns. The Midwives Model of Care™ is based on the fact that pregnancy and birth are normal life events. The Midwives Model of Care includes:

- ~monitoring the physical, psychological and social well-being of the mother throughout the childbearing cycle
- ~providing the mother with individualized education, counseling, and prenatal care, continuous hands-on assistance during labor and delivery, and postpartum support
- ~minimizing technological interventions and
- ~identifying and referring women who require obstetrical attention.
- ~The application of this model has been proven to reduce to incidence of birth injury, trauma, and cesarean section.

(Midwives Model of Care definition is Copyrighted © by the Midwifery Task Force, all rights reserved).

By providing licensure to Certified Professional Midwives in the state of Hawaii the standard of care will be clearly defined. Parameters for ongoing education as well as scope of practice will also be clearly outlined.

Midwifery care is not only safe it is also cost effective. Midwifery care produces excellent outcomes with significant savings for the individuals giving birth.

I wholeheartedly recommend licensure of Certified Professional Midwives in the state of Hawaii.

Please contact me with any thoughts or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Comments: Please include MAH's suggested edits.

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February 2, 2016

To: Rep. Della Au Belatti Chair, House of Representatives Health Committee

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Re: Testimony in Support of HB 1899: Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives – Hearing: February 3, 2016 at 8:30am

COALITION
OF HAWAII

Dear Representative Della Au Belatti and Members of the Health Committee,

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii strongly supports HB1899. As a non-profit organization working in maternal and infant health, our goal is to ensure every pregnancy is healthy and welcomed, and that women are able to access early and regular high-quality prenatal care. With respect to birthing options, HMHB wants to ensure that women have well-qualified care providers that are able to practice safely, to their fullest scope.

Licensure of CPMs in Hawaii will improve the safety of out-of-hospital birth by providing consumers with access to skilled professional midwives, giving CPMs ordering privileges for routine tests to provide standard pregnancy care while assessing the appropriateness of their clients and by allowing CPMs to carry and use pertinent emergency equipment and medication for deliveries. CPMs can also help improve access to maternal health services for families in rural areas in the State of Hawaii by providing prenatal and postpartum care to low-risk women desiring to birth in hospitals, but who may either live far from a provider, or have transportation barriers that prohibit her from receiving recommended care.

Licensure will help improve relationships between hospital providers and CPMs as their specialty will be recognized, and they can more easily work to build collaborative relationships within the healthcare community.

We would like to see HB 1899 enacted so that certified professional midwives (CPMs) can be licensed and practice to their fullest scope in the state of Hawaii. CPMs are well-trained, nationally certified independent and skilled practitioners who are currently recognized in thirty (30) states where they provide comprehensive maternity care for low-risk women in out-of-hospital birth settings.

We support the revisions proposed by Midwives Alliance of Hawaii, and strongly encourage the House of Representatives Health Committee to pass HB 1899.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.



To: Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Bellati, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2016
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 329

From: Hawaii Medical Association
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Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Ronald Keinitz, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: HB 1899

Position: Oppose

Licensure for Certified Professional Midwives

Dear Representative Bellati, Representative Creagan and committee members:

The Hawaii Medical Association stands with the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section (Hawaii ACOG) in opposing HB1899 for the following reasons.

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Testimony of Laulani Teale, MPH

COMMENTS to HB1899, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

2-1-2016

Aloha Kākou,

I am the Project Coordinator for the Ho‘opae Pono Peace Project, an affiliate of Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, which works to bring peace and unity in our community through cultural means. I am also a specialist in Native Hawaiian health issues, a traditional lā‘au lapa‘au medicine person, a doula, and a traditional homebirth mother of two. I am writing today in regard to HB 1899, relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives. At this time, my testimony is “COMMENTS ONLY”.

The protection of, and non-interference with both CPM’s and non-CPM’s is the most crucial issue at hand in this legislation, and needs to be recognized as such. Birthing choice is a central matter in terms of women’s empowerment, reproductive freedom, traditional cultural perpetuation, and self-determination. Personal health sovereignty – which is integral to the well-being of everyone – really does begin at birth. In order for this to be manifest, mothers must be protected, and free to determine their birth options without interference. In order for this to be realistic, birth attendants must likewise be protected and free to practice without fear of persecution.

What the field of midwifery needs from government is RECOGNITION, not regulation. Since the sunset of SCR 64 in 1998, and the subsequent Auditor’s Report No. 99-14 (1999), there have been no major problems in the unregulated practice of midwifery. The few cases that portrayed midwifery negatively in the media were completely debunked to prove that there was in fact no fault on the part of the midwife. Protection from over-regulation has been crucial for the flourishing of a spectrum of birthing practice, including the passing down of traditional birth knowledge between generations. We are in a good place, and this must not change.

Birth practices are sensitive and diverse. No quantity of exemptions will cover everyone who needs to be covered, unless very broadly stated at the outset. A birth practitioner may be a rural kupuna, assisting a hānai (culturally but not legally related) great-grand-niece. Or a non-CPM doula called in to cover an unexpected labor that is progressing faster than a midwife is able to drive (or anyone could get a mother to a hospital, for that matter), whether or not she receives anything from the family for this work. Or an experienced midwife who is paid in salt. Or whatever the family wants to give her. None of these situations should be interfered with, and none of them require licensure of any sort. CPMs also need protection. Their practices involve medications, equipment and methodology that traditional attendants do not use, some of it required by their certifying organization. They need assurance that their practices will not be persecuted, either.

There is general consensus in the homebirth community: protect everyone. As a member of the birthing community and a cultural peacemaker, I have been speaking to a broad array of CPM's, traditional midwives, doulas, cultural practitioners, homebirth families, and others. There is strong consensus on several major points regarding HB 1899, the most important of which are as follows:

- The bill does not work as currently written. Major changes are needed.
- The title, “RELATING TO LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES”, needs to be followed in the text of the measure, to be clear that this **ONLY** applies to Certified Professional Midwives, and **NO ONE ELSE**.
- At the root, the birth community has strong mutual support for one another. CPMs support non-CPM midwives in staying free from regulation. Non-CPM practitioners support CPMs in getting the recognition they need. It is important that legislation support this unity, and not create an unnecessary “this or nothing” situation that might foster divisiveness.

I have attached proposed changes (in MS Word) to the current bill that would reflect the above points. Some of them are similar to proposed changes submitted by MAH, and some may be different. As a peacemaker, I am only focusing on those points related to unity and the general protection of everyone, and want to note that I have not included changes that may be needed to the certification process, etc., as these are not my direct kuleana. However, I strongly support CPM determination of their own processes, to the degree that all practices are protected from regulation that could harm them.

I want to thank this Committee for the concern and care you have shown for this matter. Respect for all birthing choices is extremely important, and this is a matter that warrants great attention.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

Please contact me at any time.

Me ke aloha ‘oia‘i‘o nō,



Laulani Teale, MPH

Ho‘opae Pono Peace Project Coordinator



Aloha kakou, '

I am writing testimony for-HBI899 (companion SB 2569) concerning Certified Professional Midwives practicing in Hawaii.

While I am mostly in agreement with the language of the bill, there will be changes made - regarding the language of "Midwife" that should only read "CPM" or "Certified Professional Midwife" as this bill should only be looking to speak about/for Certified Professional Midwives and no other practitioner who assists women during pregnancy, labor and birth: .:

We need the state to recognize CPM's and their scope of practice to allow for greater access to woman-centered care to more families in Hawai'i. This is one step towards the main goal of most birth workers, to have families be able to decide where and with whom they birth.

It is our bodies, our babies and our families. We have the right to choose and to have choices , that fit our needs available to us and not restricted by not being covered by insurance or the state not "recognizing" a world-wide valued profession:-

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Mahalo,

Summer Faria

In SUPPORT of HB 1899

My name is Derek Kirbow. I hold a PhD in development and have worked in women's health for over a decade. In this time I have seen many advances in care and the treatment of women in pregnancy and labor, but through it all the biggest issues that have surfaced over and over again are those of access and choice. The ability of mothers to access healthcare services in their pregnancy, labor, and delivery as well as the ability to choose how and with whom that happens are paramount. It is with these two things in mind that I am submitting this testimony in support of the bill at hand.

The State of Hawaii is in many regards similar to the mainland while at the same time unique. When it comes to the issues all women face in prenatal care and ensuring their pregnancy yields a healthy baby and healthy mother there is little difference. Nutrition, oversight of the pregnancy and so forth are typically the needs that all women have. What is different about Hawaii is our culture, our heritage, our small communities, and the distance that many of these women find themselves from health facilities. It is not practical, for example, to have a woman in South Point, Hawaii drive to the Waimea Women's Center. Even the distance to a smaller facility such as Kona is daunting and precludes many women from seeking prenatal care. It is at times like these we often see women choosing to either forgo care altogether or seek an out of hospital midwife.

Forgoing care is a poor option for these women, but they have only these out of hospital midwives to turn to. Many of them are excellent midwives and have excellent training. The problem has been that the consumer, in this case the mother, has little to base her decision on when it comes to selecting a midwife for an out of hospital birth. This is where the issues of access and choice come into play. The bill before you seeks to correct this problem by allowing greater access to these women along with licensure for out of hospital midwives. This licensure gives the mother the ability to know the training and expertise of the midwife with whom she will work. Knowing that the State of Hawaii has given a license to them, just as they give a license to other professions, shows the consumer (mother) that there is a level of training and expertise that can be measured.

The midwives this bill seeks to grant licensure to are known as Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs). They are already recognized in more than half the country and measures are in play to recognize them in all 50 states. They are specialists in out of hospital births and have training in CPR, neonatal resuscitation, and other birth emergencies. After years of training they must pass a national certifying exam and must stay current in all training including continuing education courses. They are recognized by many national organizations and their classroom based education is recognized as accredited with the Department of Education. The best thing about this bill is that it increases access and choice on two levels. These CPMs will be granted licensure and give mothers the additional access to these midwives and the knowledge of their training and expertise, but they will also be able to continue using traditional practitioners that are recognized by Native Hawaiians. This bill would only work to grant licensure for CPMs; it does not prevent the choice of the traditional birth attendants that many Hawaiian families choose. This grants ever greater access to care, provides better birth and pregnancy outcomes, and grants choice to mothers across all of our islands. It is an excellent way to move forward and yet protect those things we hold dear in this beautiful land of ours.

In conclusion, I would again like to voice my support of HB 1899 with no reservations. We all want to see our mothers and babies protected. This is a terrific way to do exactly this as it grants information to the consumer, in this case the mother, and gives all of us greater access to health services wherever we live in Hawaii.

Thank you for your vote in support of this bill.

Best,

Derek Kirbow, PhD

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Kelly Nedved, L.Ac.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support licensing Certified Professional Midwives and the input given by MAH towards HB1899 as an overall improvement in quality maternal healthcare in Hawaii.

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Morgan Cassidy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support licensing CPMs and the input given by MAH towards HB 1899, this is a big step toward quality maternal health care in Hawaii.

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Ashley Flemino	Individual	Support	No

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lucinda moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support licensing CPMs and the input given by MAH towards HB 1899. This is a big step toward quality maternal healthcare in Hawaii. Please support this bill!

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Aloha,

I would like to submit testimony in regards to HB1899. As a practicing Certified Professional Midwife on the Big Island, I support this bill. I support midwives being licensed in the state of Hawaii.

As a mother of two sons, born at home with licensed midwives, I know first hand that women want and deserve birth choices and options. Your constituents, the families of Hawaii deserve to be able to choose a home birth with a licensed midwife.

Midwifery care can save the state, and the families of Hawaii hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. Midwifery care is very cost effective. The cost of homebirth midwifery care (including prenatal care, labor and birth and postpartum care) ranges from \$2800-\$4000, and is much less expensive than prenatal care, labor and birth and postpartum care at the hospital with an Ob/GYN. Midwifery care provides personal and preventative care. There is high level of satisfaction with women who choose midwifery care.

With licensure of midwives more women would be able to access quality care. Licensure would ideally give licensed midwives the ability to receive insurance payments including Med-Quest so that we could provide care to more women, including low income women who are not able to afford midwifery care out-of-pocket. There is a huge need for more women's health care providers on this island. As midwives we skillfully serve pregnant and birthing women with excellent, personal care. The women I serve view their birth experiences with empowerment, satisfaction and strength.

I would like to see licensure available for midwives in Hawaii so that we can be recognized by consumers and the medical community as the skilled, trained and experienced care providers that we are. Being recognized by the medical community also brings the potential for cooperative professional collaboration between CPMs and MDs/OBs. This collaboration will increase the safety of home births.

With the licensure of CPMs in Hawaii, this will enable us easy access to lab tests and appropriate medications. This also will increase the safety of homebirth.

The only part of the bill I do not support is in section 5, part 2 requiring the licensed midwife to have the "Completion of an educational program or pathway accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council or having obtained the midwifery bridge certificate issued by North American Registry of Midwives." Please strike this. The bridge certificate has not yet been implemented as a requirement for the CPM credential, however it will be in the future. There is no reason to have this in HB1899 as a requirement, because having the CPM credential is a requirement and completion of the bridge program will soon be a requirement for the CPM. Thus, it is redundant.

I also would like to voice my support the Midwives Alliance of Hawaii's testimony to HB1899.

I greatly appreciate your time and efforts.

I support HB1899 and I hope you will too.

Thank you very much,

Darby Partner, CPM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hilary Millar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support licensure of certified professional midwives. I had two beautiful homebirths with a CPM and it would have been great if my insurance could have covered the cost. My midwife gave excellent care and I'd recommend it to any pregnant woman. Please make the edits that Midwives Alliance of Hawaii have submitted and pass this bill. Thank you!

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Lallie Russell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representative Belatii, I urge you to vote YES for HB 1899 and SB 2326. As a mother of 4, midwifery student, woman who desires freedom and choice, woman who supports natural birth, and a woman who votes in Hawaii, I write to you in support of the current legislation pending in HB 1899 and SB 2326. This is such an important decision for women, babies, and families, please don't let it pass you by. The ability to give birth in the place and in the way a woman chooses is important to many families in Hawaii and to me as well. The choice to have a baby outside of a hospital setting cannot be taken lightly. Please note the following facts. -30 states already allow for out of hospital births and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced. -It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others. -As midwives that are trained to attend these births, we follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. We hold ourselves as consummate professionals and provide that strong level of care to moms and babies that we demand in our own lives. -Studies following out of hospital midwives both in the United States and in Europe have continued to show that for low-risk women there is little difference in outcome except that those delivering outside the hospital were even less likely to need a C-Section. The important thing in these studies, and something these bills include, is the need for out of hospital midwives to have a set standard of training and licensure, a scope of practice, and a path of accountability. Most of us follow these practices already and simply await the ability to hold ourselves to the highest standard through licensure. We can all agree these are necessary steps in our state and this legislation ensures our mothers will be safe, covered by professionals, and continue to have lower costs with greater access to care. Families in Hawaii need the option of midwifery care. As the wife of the Medical director of West Hawaii Community Health Center, I can tell you that OB care is hard to come by. Legally allowing midwives to care for moms and babies would be a huge asset to our community. I urge you to vote YES for HB 1899 and SB 2326 so that women in Hawaii will continue to have access to the type of care that is important to us all, that is safe, and that will give more choice and options to all of us on each island. Sincerely, Lallie Russell

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Aloha!

My name is Nancy Holbrook. I am the mother of 5 children 2 of which I have had at home attended by a Certified Professional Midwife. As a mother that has had an out of hospital birth I wanted to write to you in support of the current legislation pending in HB 1899 and SB 2326 and the suggested edits that MAH submitted to the bills. The ability to give birth in the place and way of my choosing is important to my family and I. Deciding to have my baby outside of a hospital setting was not taken lightly. I believe it is of upmost importance to allow families in Hawaii access to quality care, with a skilled professional, such as a Certified Professional Midwife. In fact, I found out a lot about what it would mean to give birth in a home birth setting as well as in a birth center. I was surprised how much information was already out there regarding these types of birth choices, and you might be interested in some of them as I was.

For instance, 30 states already recognize CPMs and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced regarding home birth midwives. It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others. The midwives that are trained to attend these births follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. They are consummate professionals and provide that strong level of care that we as mothers are looking for.

Some of my friends wondered if having a baby outside of a hospital was safe; I loved telling them “Yes!”. Studies following out of hospital midwives have continued to show that for low-risk women there was little difference in outcome except that those delivering outside the hospital were even *less* likely to need a C-Section. The important thing in these studies, and something these bills are sure to include, is the need for CPMs to have a set standard of training and licensure, a scope of practice, and path of accountability. We can all agree these are necessary steps in our state and this legislation ensures we will be safe, covered by professionals, and continue to have lower costs with greater access to care.

I urge you to vote YES for HB 1899 and SB 2326 as long as the the suggested edits that MAH submitted to the bill are included., so that as a woman in Hawaii I will continue to have access to the type of care that is important to me, that is safe, and that will give more choice and options to all of us on each island.

Sincerely,
Nancy Holbrook

Aloha,

This additional testimony should be added to my previous one sent yesterday 2/1/16, mahalo.

It is imperative that HI31899 be passed ONLY with the below changes which the home birthing community at large will be requesting as well.

As the families having children and the women giving birth to them, it is our right to choose where, with whom and the circumstances we give birth. It is not under the discretion of the law or any other providers.

.Giving women more options to choose, allows for safer more comprehensive and women-centered care.

Please pass HB1899 and it's sister SB2326 ONLY with the below mentioned edits.

Mahalo,

Summer Faria

Page 1 • Line 10-11: Change "The purpose of this Act is to regulate the practice of midwifery" to "We recognize that many different categories of midwives practice within the State of Hawaii; the purpose of this Act is to regulate certified professional midwives that practice midwifery care". We believe this must be specific as certified nurse midwives are already regulated who practice midwifery and traditional birth attendants do not want to be named in this bill; HB1899 is specifically addressing licensing certified professional midwives.

Page 3, Section 1 Definitions: • Line 14-19: Strike "Traditional birth attendant' or 'traditional midwife' means a person who assists a mother during childbirth and who initially acquired the person's skills by delivering babies, through an apprenticeship to other traditional birth attendants, or through cultural lineage and who practices independently and does not hold formal certification." We recommend removing the entire definition of traditional birth attendant after speaking with several of them and their request to be excluded completely from this bill.

Page 5, Section 3 Advisory committee; appointment; term: • Line 8: We recommend changing from "eight members" to "five members".

Page 2 • Line 10: Strike "non-" so that it reads "voting member". • Line 11: change from "Four licensed midwives" to "Three licensed midwives". • Line 18-20: Strike "and one certified nurse midwife who each have at least three years of experience in the practice of midwifery and". We focused in on having CPMs make up the professionals on the licensure advisory committee because they are aware of the training routes and practice standards. We are aware that other committees and licensing boards are able to, consult with other professional boards and committees in the State for feedback as needed, and we would expect this advisory committee to do the same. Page 6, Section 3 Advisory committee; appointment; term: • Line 3-4: Strike "One traditional birth attendant, who shall be a voting member;". The traditional birth attendants do not want to be named in this bill and in understanding that this is not a home birth panel, we would like to keep the advisory committee professionals limited to CPMs. • Line 5-9: Strike "One licensed physician, who has provided primary maternity care for at least twenty births in the twelve-month period prior to appointment, maintains current hospital privileges, and has attended at least one home birth, who shall be a non-voting member; and". Understanding that this bill focuses on licensing CPMs and is not a home birth panel, we would like to keep the advisory committee professionals limited to CPMs. • Line 13: Strike "non-", so that it read "voting member." Page 9, Section 5 License; Qualifications: • Line 9-11: Strike number 3 "Documentation of a graduate letter from a Midwifery Education Accreditation Council accredited school or letter of completion of portfolio evaluation process; and". The North American Registry of Midwives validates the midwife's schooling or portfolio completion prior to certification, therefore their certification demonstrates they have completed the education requirement. • Line 16: Add "(c) Only a person who has a current, unencumbered recognition from the department to practice as a licensed midwife shall use the title "Licensed Midwife" and the abbreviation "L.M.". No other person shall assume the title "Licensed Midwife" or in any manner imply that the person is a licensed midwife except as defined in [this] section [insert section] or use the abbreviation "LM." or any other words, letter, sign, or device to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed midwife. Nothing in this section shall preclude a certified professional midwife who is not recognized by the department as a licensed midwife and who is currently certified by a national certifying body recognized by the department from using another title designated by certification." We feel this is an important safety measure for consumers so that other midwives practicing in the state who are not licensed do not use mislead consumers or other professionals by calling themselves a licensed midwife. Page 12, Section 8 Exemptions: • Line 1-2: Strike "A traditional birth attendant who does not receive compensation for midwifery services; or". The traditional birth attendants do not want to be named in this bill and in understanding that this is not a bill to regulate home birth but rather a bill to license CPMs, we would like to keep the focus directed on CPMs. Page 14, Section 11 Immunity from vicarious liability: • Line 2: There is a quote mark at the end of the sentence that appears to be an error at the end of the sentence. This should be deleted. page 3 We appreciate your time and efforts

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NAME: Merrily Daly

DATE: 2.2.16

PERSONAL COMMENTS: _____

Aloha!

As a medical practitioner, I wanted to write to you in support of the current legislation pending in HB 1899 and SB 2326 and suggested edits that MAH submitted to the bills. The ability to give birth in the place and way of a woman's choosing is important to many families in Hawaii and to me as well. The choice to have a baby outside of a hospital setting with a skilled professional (in this case, Certified Professional Midwife, or CPM) cannot be taken lightly. In fact, a lot of information is already available regarding these types of birth choices, and as a legislator you might be interested in some of them as I was.

For instance, 30 states already recognize CPMs and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced regarding home birth midwives. It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others. The midwives that are trained to attend these births follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. They are consummate professionals and provide that strong level of care that we as medical professionals demand in ourselves and are looking for in our colleagues.

Questions have been raised about the safety of having a baby outside of a hospital. Studies following out of hospital midwives have continued to show that for low-risk women there was little difference in outcome except that those delivering outside the hospital were even *less* likely to need a C-Section. The important thing in these studies, and something these bills include, is the need for out of hospital midwives to have a set standard of training and licensure, a scope of practice, and a path of accountability. CPMs meet all of these requirements. We can all agree these are necessary steps in our state and this legislation ensures our mothers will be safe, covered by professionals, and continue to have lower costs with greater access to care.

I urge you to vote YES for HB 1899 and SB 2326 and support the suggested edits that MAH submitted to the bills, so that women in Hawaii will continue to have access to the type of care that is important to us all, that is safe, and that will give more choice and options to all of us on each island.

Sincerely,
Merrily Daly RN, CPM, CLC, CLNC

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linda harrison	Individual	Support	No

Comments: NAME: Linda Harrison DATE: ____February 1, 2016____ PERSONAL COMMENTS: The ability to give birth in the place and way of a woman's choosing is important to many families in Hawaii and to me as well. The choice to have a baby outside of a hospital setting with a skilled and licensed provider, such as a Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs), cannot be taken lightly. In fact, a lot of information is already available regarding these types of birth choices, and as a legislator you might be interested in some of them as I was. For instance, 30 states already recognize CPMs and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced regarding home birth midwives. It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others. As midwives that are trained to attend these births, we follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. We hold ourselves as consummate professionals and provide that strong level of care to moms and babies that we demand in our own lives. Questions have been raised about the safety of having a baby outside of a hospital. Studies following out of hospital midwives both in the United States and in Europe have continued to show that for low-risk women there was little difference in outcome except that those delivering outside the hospital were even less likely to need a C-Section. The important thing in these studies, and something these bills include, is the need for out of hospital midwives to have a set standard of training and licensure, a scope of practice, and a path of accountability, CPMs fit these requirements. Most CPMs in Hawaii follow these practices already and simply await the ability to hold ourselves to the highest standard through licensure. We can all agree these are necessary steps in our state and this legislation ensures our mothers will be safe, covered by professionals, and continue to have lower costs with greater access to care. I urge you to vote YES for HB 1899 and SB 2326 and support the suggested edits that MAH submitted to the bills, so that women in Hawaii will continue to have access to the type of care that is important to us all, that is safe, and that will give more choice and options to all of us on each island. Sincerely, Linda Harrison

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I, Kaili Monsef, strongly support HB 1899 relating to licensure of certified professional midwives and the recommendations you will hear from the Hawaii Midwives alliance. It is best that the experts in the field have their input taken seriously as these laws are created. Below you will find my wonderful experience with home birth. I believe many others will consider this option with licensure of certified professional midwives in place, hopefully opening up access to health coverage through insurers as well.

At 3 am, I woke to my water breaking. The feeling was one of excitement and anticipation for the lil Waialea we would soon meet. I decided not to wake Bubba immediately but instead to try to get some rest to prepare for more consistent contractions. To my surprise, the contractions were already 30-40 seconds long and 4-5 minutes apart. At this rate, there was no chance of heading back to sleep. I awakened my husband and had him remove the crib to make room for the birth tub. Having learned many laboring positions in my birth class, I decided to test a few out. As I tried kneeling on a yoga ball, standing on my hands and knees, sitting, laying on my side, and on my back, I found that standing upright provided the most comfort and freedom to move and rock through each contraction. My husband was the best Dudela ever! He provided much needed relief by massaging and squeezing my hips. After a few hours and more intense, consistent contractions, we made the call to our midwife Nina and doula/assistant midwife Sasha with an update. They decided to head over since things appeared to be moving along at a nice pace.

When they arrived at 7 am, I had already watched the moon set and the sunrise from my bedroom window. It was so peaceful being home and I felt little discomfort. Nina and Sasha began setting up things for the birth while I clung strongly to the dresser with each surge. They recommended that I go outside and walk around while they inflated the birthing tub. At first, I was reluctant to leave the comfort of the dresser which seemed to provide perfect support at the time. Sasha encouraged me that a change of scenery would be good. The next thing I knew, I was on the porch laboring on the bbq grill. Bubba stayed close behind me while I waddled in his XL bed slippers to pad my feet. He continued to provide counter pressure to my hips during each contraction. My angel. After 1 hour, I suddenly felt the urge to push! I called Nina and she directed me toward a panting style of breathing to slow things down a bit then to come up to the bedroom to check my dilation for the first and only time. As I lay on my back, she discovered that my cervix had dilated to 9 1/2 centimeters! Oh joy!

The tub was not yet full of water but I jumped in anyway. My mom was boiling pots of water over the stove to help fill the tub as quickly as possible. Bubba snuggled in behind me. I lay reclined against his chest with my head over his shoulder during rest periods in between contractions. Each rest period I found myself in an unexpected state of relaxation and painlessness. After 45 minutes of pushing at 75%, I was able to reach down and feel my lil girl's head crowning. She had tons of dark, curly hair! She was moving down perfectly. Nina took her pulse after each contraction to confirm that her heart rate hadn't decreased and all was good.

With each surge, she pushed out a bit further then slipped back in a bit during rest periods. Nina and Sasha constantly fed us liquids and placed refreshing cold towels on our faces. Luckily my energy levels were up, thanks to the large breakfast at 4 am prepared by my lovely husband.

I was so ready to meet my lil girl. Nina had been applying coconut oil to lubricate the area while supporting and stretching my tissues. She continued to remind me how to use deeper breaths more focused on my bottom rather than the higher pitched groan I had been

demonstrating. After a few more intense contractions, I knew I had to sit more upright. Sure enough, the contraction came, I pushed with everything I had and whoosh she came out entirely as if my body had picked her out of me. I caught her and quickly brought her to my chest. She had a quite a story to tell as she took her first breath. Large, loud screams came from a healthy, beautiful girl. At that point, we both felt the such an intense emotion. One of deep, deep love unlike anything we'd ever felt before. All three of us sat in the tub together admiring our beautiful creation for 20 minutes until cord stopped pumping all of its blood and nutrients into our lil girl. While Nina clamped the cord, I cut it carefully. Lele remained in the tub with Dad for some skin to skin while I delivered the placenta from the birthing stool. It dropped out immediately having naturally separated from the uterus. Nina and Sasha helped me to the bed for a quick check up. I had a bit of bleeding, so they provided an anti-hemorrhaging medication directly to area. Nina discovered two minor mucousal tears which she stitched up on site. What a peaceful process. I received all my care from women I had grown to know and trust all in the comforts of my own bedroom without any interruptions or distractions.

Soon after, Bubba and Lele joined me in bed. We all enjoyed a platter of fruit and cheese while I breastfed my daughter for the first time. She was already so strong, so much a person with a voice and mind of her very own.

After hang in out for awhile, Nina conducted the newborn screening right there at the foot of the bed. She scored a perfect on the Apgar test that looks at appearance, pulse, strength, respiration, reflexes, etc. Welcome to the world Waialeale girl. We love you.

What I didn't expect was falling in love, a deeper sense of love with my husband. He was so nurturing, so present, and so supportive during the whole process. Together we lead and participated in a blissful birth at home.

Dear Committee Members considering HB 1899

I am writing to you as the grandmother of two healthy, happy children born in Hawaii by home birth to my daughter and son-in-law.

While home birth was not available to me as a young mother, I did use a midwife when I had my second daughter in 1980. At my first hospital birth in 1978, I made the unpopular (at the time) choice to have natural childbirth. I took childbirth classes with my husband but once we arrived at the hospital I was put in a labor room and offered medication. When I refused, my husband was asked to leave and I was punished for the decision to have natural childbirth by being left alone during my entire labor. After this uncomfortable experience I resolved to find a midwife when I became pregnant with my second child. Again, many people questioned my decision to do so. But looking back, as a healthy young mother to be, it was the most joyful and healthy choice I could have made for me and my children.

Home birth is not for everyone. But it is a choice that every woman should have a right to make and be supported by her community in doing so.

My daughter's home birth experiences were both extraordinary and well managed by her midwives. The loving care she was able to receive in the days and weeks leading up to and following the birth are unmatched by any clinical experience. I witnessed first hand how it fostered her and my grandchildren's well being.

Giving birth is unmatched by any other human experience. Please give families the choice of having the miracle of a modern, joyful birth that takes place at home.

Aloha and best wishes on your decision,

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Susan Sims	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Certified Nurse Midwife and member of Midwives Alliance of Hawaii, I support HB1899, particularly with the changes that MAH has submitted. I think it is imperative that Certified Professional Midwives are licensed by the state of Hawaii to increase safe midwifery care and access for women. I agree with MAH's changes to leave out traditional birth attendant, the focus is on licensing the Certified Professional Midwives. Thank you, Susan Sims CNM

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Maddy Oden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii needs licensed midwives.... Midwives save lives!!!! Please support this bill.

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Jenna Scanlan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Jenna Malie Hokulani Scanlan. I am a decendent of Lahapa Kinolau who was a traditional Hawaiian Pale Keiki or Midwife. She learned her skill from her own grandmother. I am a proud mother who successfully, safely, and naturally gave birth to a healthy 7 lb 9 oz baby girl at home. Having had a strong, skilled, and educated midwife and team of doulas I was able labor for almost three days before giving birth safely. If I were to have labored for that long in a hospital, doctors would have opted for an unnecessary emergency Cesarean section. Instead I was cared for from the moment I began my labor until six weeks after my birth, including house visits from my midwife and her doulas. Midwifery has been around long before there were hospitals and obstetricians. This is not a new world, modern skill set. It only makes sense to license midwives so that more people and families will have access to safe, natural, informed home births.

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Katarina Culina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support Certified Professional Midwives. They provide much needed alternative and natural maternal healthcare in Hawaii. Mahalo, Kat Culina Po box 2142 Pahoia, Hi 96778

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Sherina Tatum	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! As a Certified Professional Midwife and current Hawaiian resident considering voting in the next elections, I am asking you to please consider HB1899 and SB2326. Myself and our active Midwives Alliance of Hawai'i are in favor of this bill which addresses some current safety issues for birthing families in Hawai'i. The safety of our mothers and babies is priority for us and I know it is for you too! We provide safe, accessible and cost-effective care for low-risk pregnant mothers. As CPMs and MAH members we adhere to high standards of practice protocols and accountability. This bill will improve safety for the public and accessibility for families and provide more cost effective care for our state and our families! There are many research studies on the safety of homebirth for low-risk women. If you would like some links to these studies please let us know. Many pregnant women have come to me for care because there was no other reasonable care options available for them. Licensure for CPMs will enable us to work more congruently with other health professionals to provide the best care we can for the women and families of Hawai'i. Women and families here in Hawai'i are asking for their birthing choices! Please hear them! Thank you! Sincerely, Sherina Tatum, CPM

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Kate Butler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support licensing CPMs and the input given by MAH towards HB 1899. I had both of my two children at home with CPMs and the care was comprehensive, woman centered, empowering and safe. With my first child I received concurrent care with the Waimea Women's center and the care with my home birth midwives was more comprehensive and detail oriented in the prenatal care. Prenatal appointments lasted an hour as opposed to 10 minutes allowing for adequate time for my questions to be answered and counseling on topics such as nutrition, exercise, and understanding the dynamics of labor and birth. Our midwife was licensed in Utah as a CPM where regulation of midwifery is in place. Her licensing there allowed us to know that she had adequate training and would be well prepared to meet our needs at home and know when it might be necessary for us to be transferred to medical setting in the event of complication. We were fortunate to be able to pay out of pocket for these services but I believe every woman should have access to a midwife if she wants one, regardless of economic status. This bill is a step in the right direction for Women's health in Hawaii.

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Shannon matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support licensing CPMs and the input given by MAH towards HB 1899, this is a big step toward quality maternal healthcare in Hawaii! I had a wonderful home birth experience and would not have felt comfortable doing so without the guidance of my extremely qualified midwife. I want all mamas and babies to be able to experience the same quality of healthcare and birthing assistance, and I know that some midwives are not as well trained or certified as others. It is important that we have a clear, transparent, and consistent method of certifying midwives so that we can continue to have many more successful home births. We also need to find a way to have insurance cover this choice for mothers with low risk pregnancies that are planning home births. Some midwives charge far less but their skills and training are limited. Rather than mamas choosing a care giver based on what they can afford to pay out of pocket all CPM's care should be covered by insurance so families can truly make the best choice for themselves and their babies.

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Michelle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT LICENSING CPMs and the input given by MAH towards HB 1899

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ariel tergeoglou	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support licensing CPM's and the input given by MAH in bill HB 1899, this is a giant step toward quality maternal healthcare in the state of Hawaii. I gave birth to my son at home with the help of two midwives and and it was the best decision I ever made. Please make this a safe and supported option for all families. Thankyou

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NAME: Vanessa Jansen CPM

DATE: ____February 1, 2016____

PERSONAL COMMENTS:

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Sincerely,

Vanessa Jansen CPM



I am a midwifery student writing to support the current legislation pending in HB1899. Even more than a midwifery student, I am a voting citizen in my mid-twenties who is passionate about women's birthing rights. The trend amongst conscientious women of my age is toward natural birth, and research is clearly supporting this trend. We are looking critically at the 'medical' birth establishment and questioning whether they really have women's best interests in mind. Women have the right to give birth how they choose, and one of the safest and most loving ways to do so is with a home birth. In a home birth setting, a trained and experienced midwife will provide extensive prenatal care, along with childbirth education and emotional support. She will labor with her client and bring forth her baby. Birth is a natural and spontaneous process; however, complications do sometimes arrive. Midwives are trained to handle complications to a certain extent, but sometimes transport to a hospital is necessary. This is where HB1899 comes in. The Certified Professional Midwife credential is regulated in 30 states, but has yet to pass legislation in Hawai'i. Regulating CPM's would be the single best thing that could be done for women of child-bearing age on the islands. This would allow the midwives to increase their scope of practice and reach more women. I am living on Big Island and I have seen first-hand how limited the options are. There are three hospitals in which to give birth. This is not acceptable, when there are caring and loving midwives on the island who can provide excellent, safe, quality care.

I strongly encourage you to vote Yes for HB1899.

Aloha,

As a soon-to-be (in the process of applying for NARM) CPM and expecting mother (planning to birth with a CPM) in Hawaii, I wanted to write to you in support of the current legislation pending in HB 1899 and SB 2326 and suggested edits that MAH submitted to the bills!

Over the last four years, I have been immersed in a full-time apprenticeship and formal educational training accredited by NARM, and have hopes of serving my rural community in Hawaii. I am apprehensive about beginning a practice in a state that does not recognize CPMs, which is an indicator of a medical system that is behind the times. You must be familiar with the fact that 30 states already recognize CPMs and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced regarding home birth midwives. Hawaii needs to act, and act in a way that allows CPMs to regulate their own profession as a regulated professional group.

I support the edits made by MAH and believe that as an alliance of midwives, this organizational body is highly competent and specialized with a board of CPMs and CNM governing it.

My husband and I choose to have a home birth with a midwife that we know and trust. We are informed with the latest evidence-based research in maternal health and do not feel that, with a healthy pregnancy, we will be treated with as much care and dignity as if we were to birth with a CPM in the comfort of our home. It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others to have a CPM. As midwives that are trained to attend these births, we follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. Studies following out of hospital midwives both in the United States and in Europe have continued to show that for low-risk women there was little difference in outcome except that those delivering outside the hospital were even less likely to need a C-Section!

The important thing in these studies, and something these bills include, is the need for out of hospital midwives to have a set standard of training and licensure, a scope of practice, and a path of accountability. Most CPMs in Hawaii follow these practices already and simply await the ability to hold ourselves to the highest standard through licensure. We can all agree these are necessary steps in our state and this legislation ensures our mothers will be safe, covered by professionals, and continue to have lower costs with greater access to care.

I urge you to vote YES for HB 1899 and SB 2326 and support the suggested edits that MAH submitted to the bills, so that women in Hawaii will continue to have access to the type of care that is important to us all, that is safe, and that will give more choice and options to all of us on each island.

Sincerely,
Naomi Picinich

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cristal McClain	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a woman of childbearing years in Hawaii, I wanted to write to you in support of the current legislation pending in HB 1899 and SB 2326. The ability to give birth in the place and way of a woman's choosing is important to many families in Hawaii and to me as well. The choice to have a baby outside of a hospital setting cannot be taken lightly. In fact, a lot of information is already available regarding these types of birth choices, and as a legislator you might be interested in some of them as I was. For instance, 30 states already allow for these types of out of hospital births and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced. It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others. As midwives that are trained to attend these births, we follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. We hold ourselves as consummate professionals and provide that strong level of care to moms and babies that we demand in our own lives. Questions have been raised about the safety of having a baby outside of a hospital. Studies following out of hospital midwives both in the United States and in Europe have continued to show that for low-risk women there was little difference in outcome except that those delivering outside the hospital were even less likely to need a C-Section. The important thing in these studies, and something these bills include, is the need for out of hospital midwives to have a set standard of training and licensure, a scope of practice, and a path of accountability. Most of us follow these practices already and simply await the ability to hold ourselves to the highest standard through licensure. We can all agree these are necessary steps in our state and this legislation ensures our mothers will be safe, covered by professionals, and continue to have lower costs with greater access to care. I urge you to vote YES for HB 1899 and SB 2326 so that women in Hawaii will continue to have access to the type of care that is important to us all, that is safe, and that will give more choice and options to all of us on each island. Sincerely, Cristal McClain

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Kersey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In the event that my file is not downloaded properly I would like to state that the letter written is in support CPM's and the input given by MAH towards HB 1899 and SB 2632. Mahalo~ Danielle Kersey

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January 26, 2016

Aloha~

I am writing in support of licensing CPMs and the input given by MAH towards the HB 1899, this is a big step toward quality maternal healthcare in Hawaii. I have been at many births that were in home at facilitated by a professional midwife (CPM). All were successful births. And for those few who needed additional medical care at a local hospital, the midwife at hand was successfully able to make the decision when the time came and bring the mother in labor to the nearest hospital.

I believe the cost savings in addition to the added comfort for many family's to be together in their own home with a CPM, are worthy testimony to support bills HB 1899 and SB 2632.

Mahalo~ Danielle Kersey

NAME:Valerie L. Brown

DATE: February 1, 2016

PERSONAL COMMENTS:

The ability to give birth in the place and way of a woman's choosing is important to many families in Hawaii and to me as well. The choice to have a baby outside of a hospital setting with a skilled and licensed provider, such as a Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs), cannot be taken lightly. In fact, a lot of information is already available regarding these types of birth choices, and as a legislator you might be interested in some of them as I was.

For instance, 30 states already recognize CPMs and almost every state now has legislation pending or being introduced regarding home birth midwives. It is considered a viable option by major organizations such as the National Association of CPMs, the North American Registry of Midwives, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and many others. The midwives that are trained to attend these births, follow rigorous standards and have certifications in neonatal resuscitation as well as other emergency care. CPMs are consummate professionals and provide that strong level of care to moms and babies that we demand in our own lives.

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Sincerely,
Valerie L Brown

Ashtin Hart
February 2, 2016

As a mother and doula in Hawaii, I am passionate about TRAINED and REGULATED midwifery. I wanted to write to you in support of the current legislation pending in HB 1899 and SB 2326 and suggested edits that MAH submitted to the bills. The ability to give birth in the place and way of a woman's choosing is important to many families in Hawaii and to me as well. The choice to have a baby outside of a hospital setting with a skilled and licensed provider, such as a Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs), cannot be taken lightly. In fact, a lot of information is already available regarding these types of birth choices, and as a legislator you might be interested in some of them as I was.

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Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marie Kerley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support certifying cpms in Hawaii and agree with the recomdantions made by the midwifery organization. Both of my children were birthed with midwives and I had an amazing experience both times. It would help to know that there are minimum requirements for a certified cpm. Mahalo, Marie

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noelani Love	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition As a home birth mother, having had an extremely wonderful home birth with my son, I am grateful to have had many options of midwives on the island. If this bill is passed, this would limit my options as a consumer. I have the right to decide whom I would like to attend my birth and where. Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Noelani Love Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roya Dennis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: BRIEF STATEMENT: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition Although I do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then I would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Sincerely, Roya Dennis

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Babatunji Heath	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition Although I do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Regards Babatunji Heath

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RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives

In Opposition

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Please do not pass this bill as written.

Monika Catanzaro

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brendan donnelly	Individual	Oppose	No

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Amelia Ensign	Individual	Oppose	No

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dawn alba noble	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written.

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Kylee Mar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In Opposition Although I do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then I would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written.

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Audrey Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: BRIEF STATEMENT: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Audrey Alvarez

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Lori kimata	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha, As a licensed Naturopathic Physician attending home births, i do understand why CPMs are pursuing recognition and state licensing. It would be good for the state to recognize CPMs as they have Naturopathic Physicians. In addition, as written this bill would apparently not affect my status as a birth practitioner. I am opposing here because AS IT'S WRITTEN, this bill clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery not just recognize CPMs, and this i must strongly oppose. The community I serve will not stand to have their birth choices restricted by the government regulating the practice of midwifery. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written.
Dr. Lori Kimata, ND, Midwife

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yun Yi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In Opposition, I am a homebirth mother who had unnecessary intervention cause a C-section with my first and had successful home birth VBACs with a CNM. Had it not been for her I would not have been able to take back what was taken from me by the medical community that does not put babies and mother's first and instead has been clouded by insurance companies. Although I do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then I would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written.

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Amber Woolsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Aloha and malama pono.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Ye Nguyen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Sincerely, Dr. Ye Nguyen

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Aubrey Aea	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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clare loprinzi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: ka 'elele leo 'aole ...A letter. It brings messages but does not speak. This bill as written is restrictive,agressive, disrespectful and will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives.It meentions traditional cultural practitioners and even puts them on the board, hewa. This bill was written by a few CPM midwives and lawyers, it does not reflect many and it is sad to read as it reflects history from 1300-1700 when medicine was made to be done just by men and it reflects the current status in the US, the US now in the hospitals is 37th for maternal mortality and 34 for infant mortality.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Gibbs	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Nancy Gibbs Consumer of birth, home birth mom (home birth after two cesareans) Birth belongs to mothers. Birth is not a medical event. Birth is safe, interference is risky. The main point to get across: DON'T FIX IT IF IT AIN'T BROKEN. The law in Hawaii is NOT broken - therefore, there's no need to fix it. There's no way to "do licensing right". Once instituted, licensing will inevitably become restrictive. Arizona midwives are a prime example of it. Licensing doesn't make anything nor anyone safer nor does it give protections; licensing is a permission slip from the government; it will only restrict, it will not loosen (see Arizona midwives). Licensing doesn't protect midwives, it doesn't protect birth, and it doesn't protect babies and birthing persons. Certification and licensing would not "protect" someone like me - a vaginal birth after two cesareans. Licensing and certification do not help someone who is over a certain age; is post dates (gestating over 42 weeks); has gestational diabetes; is carrying multiples (twins, triplets, or more); is carrying a perceived big baby; or many other "risk factors". Statute, rules, and regulations restrict - by their very definition, that's what they do - they restrict. For example, there exists no statute that says "you can chew gum wherever and how ever and with whomever you want". There are only SR&Rs that say "you can't chew gum here or in this way or with this person". Birthing persons are smart enough to choose whomever they want (including no one) at their birth.

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HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives

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Please do not pass this bill as written.

Sincerely,

Darrilyn Felicilda

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Kelly Stern	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Holli Shiro
Waipahu

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Katja Bajema	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a mother of 3 who has experienced both hospital and home birth in Hawaii. The decision where to give birth and with whom is the mother's to make. This bill aims to license Certified Professional Midwives in the state. This is something I support, however, that way this bill is written it would limit women's options in out of hospital birth. so I OPPOSE this bill AS Written. the bill needs to be re-written so it ONLY reflects licensing requirements for CPMs and exclude any and all other types of midwives. The wording now would criminalize certain types of midwives who are safely practicing in the state right now. Or this bill needs to be scrapped completely and a new bill should be drafted to include ALL midwives so women have a choice. Thank you for your time, Aloha

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: oppose

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In Opposition

Although I fully support the spirit of HB1899 and think that Certified Professional Midwives should have recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill due to current language that does not limit the bill to strictly CPMs. State licensure of CPMs would help to integrate them into Hawaii's medical community, a move which I think would increase my safety and well being as a woman who utilizes the services of CPMs.

I am aware of the revisions suggested in formal testimony by the midwives alliance of Hawaii and should this bill be revised to implement those changes, then I would support it.

Shanna Grafeld

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
micah	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Traditional Midwifery/Cultural practices should not be regulated by the state. Traditional Midwives/Cultural practitioners cannot be subjected to state requirements because the state has no business interfering with Traditional Midwifery/Cultural practices.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alohi Aea	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose HB1899 as it is currently written. Language should be changed to be specific to CPMs only, and midwifery care in Hawaii should not be regulated.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daphne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Bill HB1899 is unconstitutional because Traditional Midwifery is a cultural practice. Traditional Midwifery is women's rights. Vaccines should be a choice not a requirement.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
April Bailey	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha, Please stop this bill from further advancing in the legislative process. This bill does not provide for the myriad needs of the birthing community. I strongly oppose this bill and would like my voice to be heard on this matter. April Bailey Home birth midwife and advocate, 35 years in practice, concerned for the future health of the people of our state.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamala Galletes	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I have had three children at home, including twins; simply perfect births with the assistance of a great midwife!! I chose to have my babies at home for their safety and for mine!! My oldest was born in the hospital, my hospital birth story would hopefully shock you & help you understand why we made the choice(s) we did to birth at home!! We have a right to choose home birth & midwives have the right to help us without state regulation.

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I, of my own free will, oppose the HB1899 bill. I am Anabel Kinsey, a ten-year-old girl standing up for the rights of women. We are a free country where we can shape our lives with decisions. Yes, the choice of a traditional birth will be deteriorated if this bill passes. I come from a traditional birth and am fine. If a woman wants to have a traditional birth and wants to reward her steadfast assistant, how would it affect you? Traditional birth attendants work hard. They should be allowed compensation. I, Anabel Kinsey, oppose the HB1899 bill.

I, Josuna Kinsey, 9 years old, say that women should have the right to homebirth. I'm a homebirth myself and all of my siblings too. I want the right to homebirth my children. I know what to do it someday. My siblings and I were born with both traditional midwives and CNM. I think it is important to be able to choose which midwife I want at my birth. I oppose this bill.

RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives
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Every women's body is built different and therefore, every women will give birth, if given the opportunity, to discover how her body is meant to be positioned to birth her child. How does she understand that? by being empowered to listen to ke akua, to the divine spirit, to listen to her ancestors that are always surrounding her and supporting her but can only be heard if one puts themselves in a space to be able to listen.

Both home births and hospital births have room to improve so that both the mother and child are safe. Implementing these restrictions is not an effective way to improve.

Within the hospital there is a cookie cutter way of giving birth, a woman on her back pushing up to the light, pushing up to the ceiling. What are the results? Sometimes the baby comes out that way, the mother fine, but what happens others times? The mother tears her vagina all the way down to her doodoo hole. This story is the same story I have heard within the past three months alone from six women who have given birth in the hospital. My midwife has attended countless births for the past 30 some years. Rarely has her mothers torn. She always says, "If your a good mid wife your momma never has to tear". This midwife only births at "home" where ever that may be for the mother. She teaches the birthing mother how to listen to her body so that she find what works for her. It is inevitable that any birth facilitator is highly trained so if there is a complication she can intervene. The midwife that I was speaking of earlier has only lost one child in her 30+years of practicing midwifery and her birthing mother rarely tears as bad as hospital tears. Those statistics are substantial. Better than the hospital.

In the hospital a statistic that is danerously high is cecerian sections. According to U.S. National Center for Health Statistics. "The preliminary national cesarean rate for 2014 is 32.2 percent of all births. (...) Cesarean section is the most common operating room procedure in U.S. hospitals. Overuse of this procedure is associated with excess health problems in women and babies. For both commercial and Medicaid payers, total maternal-newborn costs are about 50 percent higher for cesarean compared with vaginal births." How birth is facilitated in the hospital is not the ideal situation to follow and base bills off of to improve the safety of the birthing mother and her child.

Where ever ones gives birth they should know that giving birth is a life or death kind of situation. The person facilitating the birth should be highly trained. There is a broad range of how one can be trained and this bill how it is written will limit those opportunities.

If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then I would consider supporting it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
S. Leinani Loa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I S.Leinani Loa oppose this bill. I have had 2 beautiful births with my midwife who has been doing home birth for 30 plus years. I feel that this bill is not necessary. Midwifery has been done by our Hawaiian people for centuries. There is no need for this. "if it aint broke don't fix it".

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Bonifacio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In Opposition of HB1899: Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL AS WRITTEN. Mahalo

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My name is Cherrie Newman and as a mother of three, soon to be four children I oppose HB 1899. Of all my births, only the ones that occurred at home with the attendants of my choosing, were truly safe and respectful. Birthing people are fully capable of choosing skilled attendants without licensure in place. In fact, licensure limits a birthing individual's options and takes the power out of his or her hands entirely. Only the individual giving birth has the right to decide when, where, with whom, and how the birth should take place. To say otherwise is to deny basic human rights.

I have witnessed licensure bills completely obliterate birth options as they have in California. The same will happen in Hawaii if this bill moves forward. There are those, such as myself, who will not hire licensed midwives because of the guidelines they are forced to follow. Many of these birthing individuals will choose unassisted birth regardless of their comfort level with that choice simply to avoid the known risks of choosing caregivers and locations that make them feel unsafe or they will settle for hospital care and suffer depression when their births go wrong.

I have seen women fired from midwifery care for choosing to go post-dates, or risked out because they were carrying breech babies. I have been present while mothers were threatened are harassed into making decisions that they were one hundred percent opposed to, by licensed individuals protecting their license and their back-up doctors. In the aftermath of these events, I have been the shoulder that caught bitter tears shed by these mothers and fathers. I have witnessed the long-lasting trauma, PPD, and PTSD, caused by the affects of licensure.

With my last birth I would have called the only midwife of many in my area that I trusted when the birth went long and I needed extra support. Unfortunately she was arrested two weeks before simply because she was practicing under the religious exemption clause/loophole that existed in California licensure law. Instead of her competent care I transferred and suffered abuse, disrespect, and injury in the hospital. All of the other midwives were licensed and trusted and respected the guidelines imposed by licensure over my autonomy and personal needs as a birthing person. I would have felt no safer with them than I did in the hospital.

As a woman, I will never support the licensure of midwives. HB 1899 takes very personal decision-making that belongs to birthing people and puts it in the hands of government licensing boards and committees. This is not what the families of Hawaii need to receive good care.

Signed,

Cherrie Lynn Newman

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Aubrie Allen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a natural birthing mama, it is my right to which midwife I choose, for my body & my baby for the services they provide. It is all women's rights, whether they want to have a home birth or not & which midwife they wish to hire. Thank you & Aloha!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leilani Johnson Dawson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill as it is written. HB1899 needs to incorporate more insight from women who have chosen home birth, like myself, and the women who are committed to supporting us in this very sacred and personal experience.

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Lisa McDaniel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: BRIEF STATEMENT: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition Although I do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT IS WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Lisa R McDaniel

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O Seger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In Opposition I have had all of my 3 children at home and my daughter had her child at home. It is a sacred right to choose how to birth our children into this world. Who we choose to be present and how we want our practitioners to serve us is sacred. Our attendants right to make a living doing so is important to me as this type of dedication is very valuable to me and my family. Not many yet choose home birth, but the numbers are always growing and those who choose it support it over more medically involved options. Cost of health care is a big concern for many as well, as is the quality and relationship with the attendants that are chosen. None of this should be legislated in a restrictive way. No one i know from the public is looking for more restrictive options for birth or health care. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. Please do not pass this bill. Oliver Seger

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brady stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Practitioners must already meet the standards of the duly noted accreditation agencies (MANA, NACPM, NARM). The standards of practice agreed upon by such private agencies renders state licensure unnecessary. Government agency regulation serves no purpose other than increasing tax revenues and state control of an otherwise free market. The director of commerce and consumer affairs is an unelected official and therefore unaccountable to the citizenry for his/her decisions and proclamations.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marisa Ibrahim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe women should birth how, where, and with whom they find most fitting. Therefore, I oppose bill HB1899 which requires the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules regulating the practice of midwifery. My body, my choice.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mahealani Maioho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose bill HB1899! This bill will take the tradition out of midwifery. Culturally transitional midwifery is a practice past down from generation to generation which only certain individuals are selected to practice. This bill will open up more problems being that traditional practices and the medical community today are inconsistent in their medical views. Thank you!

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From Charlene Kiana Rowley, RN
808-214-0468
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DATE: February 1, 2016

I am a registered nurse trained and practicing in Labor, Delivery, Recovery, and Postpartum for women and newborns in the state of Hawaii. I have been practicing in this specialty for 3.5 years after graduating from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with my BSN. Through my own extensive research I believe strongly that out-of-hospital birth is safe and in some cases safer for low risk women under the care of an experienced midwife trained to provide support and to recognize when intervention is needed. In support of this belief I am also the mother of two healthy daughters, age 5 years and 2 years, whom I birthed at home under the care of competent midwives, one Naturopathic Midwife and one Certified Professional Midwife, CPM. I took great care in choosing my providers and place of birth with the health and safety of myself and my baby as the highest priority.

I feel that licensure is an important step for the women, families, and practitioners of Hawaii. I believe that it is essential to improve communication between in-hospital and out-of-hospital providers in order to provide seamless transfer of care when it becomes necessary. Out-of-hospital providers currently struggle to obtain important life-saving equipment and medication which are essential for them to carry in the case of emergency. There is also a lack of educational foundation here for student midwives currently practicing here. This obligates them to follow a more traditional mentorship training model or they must travel to a state with licensure already in place to receive their formal training. This also applies to native Hawaiian and cultural practitioners who are unable to supplement their traditional knowledge with mainstream midwifery education.

There are currently 30 states in the US with licensure in place including two highly effective systems in Washington and California. I know a large number of midwives currently practicing out of hospital Midwifery care in Hawaii received their training and or experience in one of these two states. These midwives are highly professional; they have been held to high standards of practice and done large numbers of births in homes and out of hospital Birth Centers with ongoing professional relationships with obstetricians and other midwives. They keep detailed charts and maintain continuing education credits. Many of them maintain their Certified Professional Midwife certification despite it not being recognized by our state. In the rare incidence where they care for a woman who requires transport, they keep careful transfer-of-care records which are often discarded by hospital staff. I find the lack of continuity to be unacceptable when this is clearly a choice being made by highly educated, intelligent, autonomous women choosing providers with whom they feel the safest.

This being said, I strongly oppose SB2326 and HB1899 for the following reasons. This bill leaves too much room for interpretation. The lack of a defined scope of practice for practitioners and the unclear distinctions in Powers and Duties as to who will actually hold power over matters of licensure are two examples. There is also a poor distinction as to who the bill actually covers and exempts for licensure. I would like to see Hawaii model a bill based on an already functioning system and one which many of our midwives already use as a guideline for their practice by choice such as the state of Washington or California. If a bill based on one of these already established systems were presented I would fully support it.

Please consider voting NO for SB2326 and HB1899 and allow the Hawaii Midwives to draft a bill based on one of these tried and tested models so that we can continue to improve the safety of out-of-hospital birth in Hawaii. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Charlene Kiana Rowley, RN

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Juliana Koo	Individual	Oppose	No

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To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose any bill that restricts the right of parents to compensate a traditional midwife. I oppose any bill that restricts the right of a traditional midwife to be compensated. Midwives of all types deserve compensation for their hard work and training. To create a bill that says traditional midwives have the right to practice, but not collect compensation, is highly disingenuous. Traditional midwives since the beginning of time have always been compensated, so why are are lawmakers so eager to insert themselves between the sacred relationship of the parents and their traditional midwife? Either the government allows traditional midwifery or it does not. What could be more traditional than compensating traditional midwives for their hard work?

Families should have the right to make their own decision regarding what kind of midwife fits their needs. For some that would be a more medically oriented midwife, and that's fine. Others will make the choice to have traditional midwives, and that's equally valid. But how will traditional midwives be able to continue their practice if the law specifically and unfairly targets just them? How will the traditional midwives be able to provide for their own families? How will traditional midwives be compensated for their long training, which is sometimes direct apprenticeship in the style (outside of any box or certification) that has been practiced for many thousands of years?

My 3 children were born at home. I was extremely satisfied with the services of my traditional midwife. Please, lawmakers, do not interfere with the right to compensate traditional midwives. Traditional midwifery is a beautiful, precious thing. We need to find ways to encourage it more, provide for it more, and not try to imperialistically and colonialistically starve it out of existence, like it seems like a bill like this is trying to do.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Jocina Alani	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessie Cleghorn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a native woman, as a mother, as a daughter of midwives, I strongly oppose this bill as it proposes to limit the avenue in which women may bring children into this world. Childbirth is not a medical condition it is a natural experience that has nothing to do with the government, so in the matter of bringing children into this world, it is completely inappropriate for the government to have any say in the matter of which this time old tradition of continuing our species is experienced. Traditional midwives are some of the most intuitive, brilliant, powerful caregivers I have ever met so an attempt to revoke their legitimacy is complete ludicrous. Please, with all do respect and with all my humility, kill this bill.

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Brenna	Individual	Oppose	No

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mieko	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why on earth would there be a Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs be the deciding body for licensing of midwives? It should be the 4 midwives with advice/input from the others on the committee since the midwives understand requirements for competency in midwifery and the Director of CCA would not. If OBs are not placed in the criminal prosecution route, neither should midwives. Midwives should have peer review first and foremost 2x/year. 20 CEUs should be maintained every 2 years. For safe birth, midwives should be able to carry O2, pitocin, IVs. Midwives do well women care since pregnancy is a reproductive cycle and midwives know first hand women's reproductive history. Midwives are first to see the newborn and are well experienced to assess newborn well being. I oppose this bill!!!

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Elisa Spring	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then I would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Elisa Spring 401-A1 Kawainui Street Kailua, HI 96734 (808)292-6029

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Francesca Fillmore	Individual	Oppose	No

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poco compehos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. Birthing choice is a central part of women's empowerment, reproductive freedom and cultural practice. Mothers must be protected, and free to determine their birth options without interference. In order for this to be realistic, birth attendants must likewise be protected and free to practice without fear of persecution. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then I would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Poco Compehos

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Testimony in opposition of bill: HB1899

Women have been fighting for their rights for a long time; rights in the workforce, rights to vote, right to their own bodies. The choice of midwifery care whether that be for a home-birth, a birth center, or a hospital birth should be upheld as a right and the CHOICE of the pregnant woman. I am an educated 28 year old military spouse. I am 40 weeks pregnant and I am choosing a home-birth. I believe the sanctity of birth and delivering a child into this world should be protected. A home-birth may not be the chosen location for all laboring women, but it still must remain a choice. I have chosen the home-birth setting because through research and testimonies I have come to find that too many unnecessary interventions take place in the hospital. I want to ensure that in a safe and healthy manner I can deliver my baby in the quite and comfort of my own home. I want a home-birth, so much so, that I'm paying out of pocket expenses to do so! My insurance will not cover my home-birth even though I have a trained and skilled and educated naturopathic doctor and midwife. A safe and healthy delivery of my baby boy is my utmost priority, this is why I've hired the right people who are trained and skilled to do this. If home-birth midwifery is made illegal or it is almost impossible to do, then I am forced into an unsafe situation because I will not be able to find and hire the right people to make my desired home-birth safe. I would only be forced into this unsafe situation because the state has made it that way if this bill is passed! Please advocate for the right of pregnant and laboring women and allow THEM to make the CHOICE of where to give birth. Thank you for listening and strongly considering my testimony.

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Shahrazad	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tara Compehos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. Birthing choice is a central part of women's empowerment, reproductive freedom and cultural practice. Mothers must be protected, and free to determine their birth options without interference. In order for this to be realistic, birth attendants must likewise be protected and free to practice without fear of persecution. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then I would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Tara Compehos

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OPPOSING HB1899

My name is Suzanna Kinsey and I am a 3 time homebirth mother. I oppose bill HB1899 as it is written. I have had 3 amazing, successful homebirths. Two babies were born with a traditional midwife and one was born with a CNM. All 3 births were the most sacred and empowering experiences of my life. I treasure my children as much any mother does and I am deeply grateful for the midwives who helped me on each of my journeys into motherhood.

When I was a first time mother, I was labelled as having a high risk pregnancy. Without my homebirth midwifery care, I would have had a scheduled c-section. It was through research that I discovered that my "high risk" pregnancy was less than 1% chance of serious complication which is lower than the risk of complications in c-sections! I am certain that my subsequent pregnancies would have resulted in more c-sections had I not chosen homebirth. I trusted my body to do what humans have done for generations... give birth. It has been part of my cultural practice to birth my babies at home and to share my experiences so that others may experience this sacred, priceless journey.

As a woman, my rights to make my own choices are threatened by this bill. Although, this bill would recognize homebirth, it regulates and restricts homebirth to only one kind of midwife, the CPM. There are many well respected CPMs in our community and they should have the recognition and licensure that they deserve and seek. The section of the bill that concerns me most is where traditional birth attendants or traditional midwives are only exempt if they do not receive compensation for providing midwifery services. This would effectively discourage all traditional birth attendants from providing services as they would not be able to make a fair living or, given the wording, even receive a meal from the mother as this could be considered compensation.

In effect, this bill would regulate the practice of midwifery as it would force homebirth midwives to become CPMs. This would limit a woman's right to choose the birth SHE wants. Birth is an intimate, natural process which belongs to the rights of the mother and her baby ONLY.

I oppose bill HB1899 as it is written. If changes were made to the bill such as the changes suggested by MAH (Midwives Alliance of Hawaii), I would likely change my stance to supporting the bill. Please change the bill to reflect the title of Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives. As it is, this bill regulates the practice of midwifery, the traditional midwife and, most importantly, it restricts my woman's right to choose.

Thank you,
Suzanna Kinsey

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Kimberly Evans	Individual	Oppose	No

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nnamdi kassel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bonnie Marsh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in Opposition of this Bill. Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Mahalo, Dr. Bonnie Marsh

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Charlene Casserley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to HB 1899. There are many states who have passed legislation which are effective for licensing midwifery. This bill giving authority to the director to make changes undermines the purpose of the bill. Let's use a system that was has proven effective. This bill does not achieve the goals of an effective licensing system for midwifery in Hawaii. Given more time and input from the midwifery community a more effective bill can be drafted and supported. Thank you for the considering the options. Mahalo, Charlene Casserley

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Deidre Wibberley	Individual	Oppose	No

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joe kassel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Traditional midwifery is the oldest profession in the world. Legislating and licensing these practitioners universally leads to the institution of conventional medical practices as the standard of care, which makes traditional midwifery, which adheres to a different paradigm, essentially illegal sooner or later. People choose this support for their home birth for their own personal and legitimate reasons and this type of legislation is contrary to this social trend and will restrict these families access to traditional midwifery care.

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Misha kassel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hello my name is Misha Kassel, I am a practicing emergency medicine physician. My mother is a traditional birth midwife for over 30 years. My mother in law worked locally as an OB/GYN for 30 years. I am opposed to this bill for parts in bill that states: Practice standards for antepartum, intrapartum, (c) postpartum, and newborn care that prohibit a licensed midwife from providing care for a client with a history of disorders, diagnoses, conditions, or symptoms outside of the scope of practice recommended by the advisory committee and approved by the director pursuant to the standards of the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives. The part about prohibit is not wise. if a woman is set on doing a home birth it is important she has someone there to help keep her and baby safe. If you prohibits it, then they may do on their own. That part should be removed.I also have concern about part that if plead guilty to a 2nd offense automatically get a misdemeanor. Thanks for your time

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D'Anna Asher	Individual	Oppose	No

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Monica Akamu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a mother who participated with 2 home births and 4 hospital births, I oppose this bill! All midwives do not practice in the same matter, thus they should not be controlled by the state or under one umbrella.

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Brianne Droscoksi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill! It is the mothers choice to birth how she sees fit. I have done 3 home births with great peace and love. My children have strived from being home birthed. Shame on you for trying to take away the gift of home birthing!!

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marisa wriston	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: BRIEF STATEMENT: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Marisa Wriston

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natasha sky	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill until it is worded as recommended by Midwives Alliance Hawaii MAH.

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Samantha Berberich	Individual	Oppose	No

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Earl Stevens-Britos	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: RE: HB 1899 Relating to Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives In Opposition
Although i do support CPMs pursuing recognition and state licensing so they may receive the same rights as other licensed health practitioners, I must oppose this bill AS IT'S WRITTEN, because it clearly seeks to regulate the entire practice of midwifery instead of just CPMs. This bill as written is restrictive, will limit consumer options and criminalize some presently practicing midwives. If this bill is revised to clearly apply only to CPMs and their practice and in no way affects other practitioners in the birth field, then i would consider supporting it. Please do not pass this bill as written. Earl Stevens-Britos

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ariel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill, if passed, would make it impossible to get the midwifery education that they need to create a practice in the State of Hawaii because there are currently no MEAC accredited programs here. All aspiring midwives would be forced to move to a mainland state in order to get the education required. Also, many would not be able to afford going to one of these MEAC accredited schools. The passing of this bill will make it more difficult for people to become midwives and therefore more difficult for pregnant women to find midwives.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristl Woo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a registered voter, I oppose this bill as it is currently written. I believe if passed as is, it will eliminate the rights of many women and how they would like to birth or even having that option of a non-hospital birth because of the regulations this bill is trying to enforce on many who currently attend and assist at thees births. I believe that this bill will eliminate many options for whom a woman can choose to assist her in her birth (taking away rights from her). Thank you for taking my testimony into consideration and taking a stand against HB1899.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
margaux burton	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I oppose this bill. Midwives should not be regulate by the state or the medical system.

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Samantha Berberich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony of Kaliko Amona
Comments on HB1899
RELATING TO LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329

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

Aloha Representatives,

I am a mother of three young children born at home under the care of highly skilled and professional midwives. I have also attended several births in hospitals and homes in multiple capacities—as a doula, friend, sister, and student supporting and learning the practice of midwifery.

I am opposed to this bill as it is currently written, but support the licensure of Certified Professional Midwives. Following are my comments on HB1899.

I support of the licensure of Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs), but do not agree that this bill (or others) should “regulate the practice of midwifery care” in general. This bill should focus on the licensure and midwifery care provided by CPMs only and not attempt to regulate the midwifery/birth care provided by traditional midwives, NDs, and other practitioners.

I have read the testimony of the Midwives Alliance of Hawai'i and am in agreement with the changes they have proposed. These include removing traditional midwives from the bill and making it explicit that the bill concerns the licensing of Certified Professional Midwives only.

Please protect the rights of Hawai'i families to choose from a range of midwives and birth attendants. The current bill would limit these consumer options, could criminalize some current practitioners, and greatly interfere with their ability to make a living.

If this bill is revised to explicitly apply only to CPMs and their practice and would not impede other practitioners in the birth field, then I would support it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

Kaliko Amona

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Carlie Stevens-Britos	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: I want to note that I oppose this bill as it is written. I do not want all midwives to be regulated who are not seeking to be certified. I do not want it to be illegal to pay my 'non certified' midwife. She has been practicing many years and is more qualified than most. This bill is restrictive to my personal selection of home birth practices by preventing my midwives from making a living.

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Dianna Wilcox	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the licencing of Midwives.

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