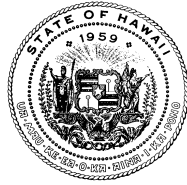


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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB2233
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 12, 2016

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined additional expenses to operate a Continuing Medical Education
2 (CME) program or outsource it.

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4 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) respectfully opposes the proposed
5 responsibility to develop healthcare practitioner educational courses. DOH does not regulate or oversee
6 private licensed professionals nor possesses the infrastructure required to establish and maintain a CME
7 program.

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9 HB2233 lacks an appropriation to implement such a program and maintain its operations. A minimum
10 complement of 2.5 FTE is estimated to manage such a program and maintain national CME accreditation
11 standards: 1.0 clerk to manage logistics, 1.0 program specialist to oversee programming and provider
12 relations, and 0.5 medical director to assure medical integrity. If CME certification and operations is
13 outsourced, HB2233 is silent on who the funder will be.

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15 Existing community entities like the University of Hawaii John A. Burns Medical School and the Queen's
16 Medical Center are currently accredited to certify CME coursework. While DOH has and will continue to
17 collaborate with the provider communicate on vital health issues facing Hawaii, the department's ability
18 to influence CME curricula will be limited by a lack of funds and staff.

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20 **Offered Amendments:** N/A



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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Friday, February 12, 2016
8:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2233, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE
PROFESSIONALS.**

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

My name is Charlene Tamanaha, Supervising Executive Officer, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”). The Department appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to House Bill No. 2233, Relating to Health Care Professionals.

The purpose of House Bill No. 2233 is to require health care professionals to take an annual continuing medical education (“CME”) course in health issues that are unique to the State; and requires the Department of Health (“DOH”), in consultation with the Hawaii Medical Board, to review and recommend any changes or updates to the course content.

The Department opposes this measure for the following reasons:

- The requirement of annual CME would be overly burdensome on the Department if it were not tied to the licensee's renewal.
- The requirement of annual CME, in addition to already established CME requirements for most health care professionals, would cause an undue burden on the licensees and boards/programs.
- With regard to setting content standards for CME requirements, we feel that health care professionals should obtain CME within their specialty or area of focus. As such, we prefer to give health care professionals the latitude to determine what those CME would be. Requiring content-specific CME would also be burdensome, especially in light of the fact that the proposed CME would be in addition to the CME required by the health care professionals' boards.
- The measure mandates that the DOH develop and update the course content of CME in consultation with the Hawaii Medical Board. The measure does not provide for input from the other health care related professions addressed in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 451D. Furthermore, the measure also does not address the potential that the DOH and Hawaii Medical Board may not have recommendations or changes. If this is the case, licensees could potentially take the same course each year which would not benefit the licensee nor the consuming public in anyway.
- The proposed language provides that the board/program shall offer the course to its licensees and may also determine the mode of its delivery. The Department notes that boards/programs may approve other organizations to

provide the CME, but there has been no other instance when any board/program provided or delivered a CME course.

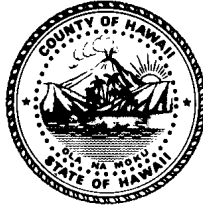
- This measure does not provide a delayed implementation date so that the Department, relevant regulatory boards/programs, and licensees can prepare for such an undertaking.

Based on the above concerns, the Department respectfully requests that this bill be held in Committee.

For the Committee's information, the companion bill, Senate Bill No. 3041, was heard on February 5, 2016, by the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Health, and was deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2233, Relating to Health Care Professionals.

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February 11, 2016

House Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Health

Re: Testimony In **Support** of HB2233; Relating to Health Care Professionals
Hearing Date and Time: February 12, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

Dear Committee:

On behalf of myself and constituents of Council District 8, North Kona, our support for the above referenced bill is expressed, with brief testimony provided as follows:

I am in full support for the requirement that health care professionals take a continuing medical education course on health issues that are unique to the State of Hawaii. Also, requiring the Department of Health to develop the medical education course in consultation with the Hawai'i Medical Board, will allow an ideal working partnership, and will result in the highest quality of continuing medical education.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide support. I recommend passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Eoff".

KAREN EOFF, Vice Chair,
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Comments:

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Matt Bishop	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in opposition to this measure. As a medical professional I stay up to date on all medical conditions that I deal with. I feel there is no need to require more in depth education related to Hawaii's more specific medical concerns. Any medical provider who see's a patient with a concern specific to Hawaii will more likely than not see many patients with the same concern and be up to date on the best treatment. Money is better spent on providing services for those with specific medical needs special to Hawaii than on requiring health care providers to receive special training. Do we have a problem with quality care in the state of Hawaii or the ability to pay for these special services? That question must be answered first before any legislative measures can be taken.

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