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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2331, RELATING TO BOARD MEMBER TERMS
FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND
AUDIOLOGY.**

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 in strong support of this Administration bill, House Bill No. 2331.

The purpose of House Bill No. 2331 is to amend the terms of board members in chapters 457 and 468E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from three years to four years. These amendments would align the terms of members of the Board of Nursing and the board of Speech Pathology and Audiology with the terms of members serving on

twenty-three other boards and commissions under the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division.

The members of these two boards are the only members serving on one of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division's twenty-five boards and commissions to not have the opportunity to serve out the regular maximum of two four-year terms. Longevity and continuity are also key for board members to learn and acclimate themselves in order to become effective board members. Finally, finding members who are willing to volunteer and give up time away from their "paying" jobs is often difficult. So individuals willing to devote the time and energy to being board members should be allowed ample time to serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this Administration bill, House Bill No. 2331.

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
February 3, 2016 8:30 a.m.**

**by
Laura Reichhardt, NP-C, APRN, Director
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

**HB 2331 RELATING TO BOARD MEMBER TERMS FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING
AND THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY.**

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support for HB 2331 Relating to Relating To Board Member Terms For The Board Of Nursing And The Board Of Speech Pathology And Audiology.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) is in strong support of increasing board lengths for the Hawai'i Board of Nursing. By increasing term lengths to reflect board lengths of the other PVL Boards and Commissions, the board will add consistency and productivity by limiting member turn over due to decreased term length.

Therefore, the HSCN respectfully requests that the House Health Committee considers HB 2331 favorably at this time. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill.

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

House Committee on Health

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

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

Re: Testimony in Support – HB 2331

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

HPH is writing in **support** of HB 2331 which amends the board member terms for the Board of Nursing and the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology to align the terms of members with the other boards and commissions attached to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Increasing the term lengths would add consistency and productivity by limiting member turn over due to decreased term lengths.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
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by
Susan Lee, BSN, RN, WCC**

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I respectfully requests that the House Health Committee considers HB 2331 favorably at this time. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill.

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