

HCR65 HD1

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES.

Report Title: Sunrise analysis; regulation of certified professional midwives

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

Monday, April 18, 2016
10:00 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65, H.D. 1,
REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF THE
REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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 offer comments on H.C.R. No. 65, H.D. 1.

The concurrent resolution requests that the Auditor perform a sunrise analysis of the proposed regulation of the profession of Certified Professional Midwife, as proposed in House Bill No. 1899, House Draft 1, introduced during the Regular Session of 2016.

Although a sunrise study was conducted seventeen years ago in 1999, it would be in the best interest of consumers to re-evaluate the regulation of certified professional midwives.

The sunrise review would be conducted pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"). The Auditor's analysis would set forth the probable effects of the proposed regulatory measure, assess whether its enactment is consistent with the purposes of section 26H-2, HRS, and assess alternate forms of regulation. The Department agrees that a current sunrise analysis should be conducted by the Auditor before certified professional midwives are regulated.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on H.C.R. No. 65, H.D. 1.

**American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section**

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To: Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, April 18, 2016
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 016

FROM: Hawaii Section, ACOG
Dr. Greigh Hirata, MD, FACOG, Chair
Dr. Jennifer Salcedo, MD, MPH, MPP, FACOG, Vice-Chair
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**Re: HCR 65, HD 1 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE
ANALYSIS OF THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL
MIDWIVES**

Position: Support

Dear Senator Baker, Kidani and Committee Members:

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section (Hawaii ACOG) supports the request for the auditor to perform a sunrise analysis of the regulation of certified professional midwives.

We do acknowledge the effort to license and regulate home birth providers as a first step in improving the safety of women and children in our state. We feel that Hawaii should follow Oregon which since 2015 requires mandatory licensure.

Furthermore, we know that international standards governing home birth midwife providers' worldwide call for mandatory licensure in the jurisdiction where the provider practices. Women in Hawaii – no less than women in other, even less-developed countries – should be guaranteed care that meets this important minimum standard for safe, high quality maternity care.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and for your support of Hawaii Women's Health.



Midwives Alliance of Hawaii

April 16, 2016,

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR65 HD1, RELATING TO REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES

To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Conference Room 016
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Berentania Street
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From: Midwives Alliance of Hawaii
Le'a Minton, CNM, President
Nina Millar, RN, Vice President
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Selena Green, CPM, Treasurer
Dani Kennedy, CPM, Big Island Representative
Kaja Gibbs, CPM, Oahu Representative

Time: Twenty-Eighth Legislature Regular Session of 2016
Monday, April 18, 2016 at 10:00am

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Kidani, and committee members:

Midwives Alliance of Hawaii strongly supports HCR65 HD1 and respectfully requests the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health pass this resolution. As a state non-profit organization who represent out of hospital midwives, we would like to see HCR65 HD1 enacted so that the State Auditor can provide an updated sunrise analysis regarding the regulation of certified professional midwives in Hawaii. In the last seventeen years, since the first sunrise analysis was completed, there have been numerous updates: thirty states have recognized certified professional midwives either through regulation or authorization of practice by statute; standards of care and competencies have been routinely updated by the National Association for Certified Professional Midwives and the Midwives Alliance of North America in response to evolving national maternal care standards; and out of hospital births have risen in the United States and in Hawaii.

According to a study by Dr. Marian MacDorman of the Maryland Population Research Center published on March 16, 2016 in Birth magazine, "out-of-hospital births increased by 72 percent, from 0.87 percent of United States births in 2004 to 1.50 percent in 2014". Her research demonstrated that despite a serious gap in insurance coverage, a rising demand for out-of-hospital birth continues. Certified professional midwives with access to licensure are able to safely provide full scope care and meet the needs of a growing number of consumers.

Midwives Alliance of Hawaii believes that a current sunrise analysis will provide the affected parties with in depth information and allow for meaningful discussion of the probable effects of licensing certified professional midwives in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 18, 2016 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amy kirbow	kona birth and midwifery services /gomidwife	Support	No

Comments: I am for the licensing of CPM's in Hawaii. The consumers need midwives to provide care options where OBGYN's are overbooked. There are many women lacking OB care, women that have been unable to schedule appointments with overworked OB doctors. I know this to be true as I have served these women who otherwise would have had no prenatal care. Midwives in the state provide this and other valuable services and I fully support the move to have an audit conducted.

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To the Senators of Hawaii:

I urge you to vote yes to better maternal healthcare for women in Hawaii by passing the bill HCR 65, which would give more women the option of midwifery and home birth as a viable option for pregnancy and delivery. One of the benefits of living in America is having the freedom to choose. In this free market economy, parents have so many choices on how to raise their kids and that choice should begin with who they want to take care of them throughout their pregnancy and delivery. By passing the bill HCR 65, you will give more women the freedom to make one of the most important decisions that affect their health: how they will deliver their baby.

Choosing to vote YES on this bill will help the women of Hawaii in a variety of ways:

- It will grant licenses to Certified Professional Midwives (CPM) allowing them to serve more women in the community.
- It will ensure that licensed midwives will have better access to collaborative care providing safer births for women who choose to give birth at home.
- It will give licensed midwives greater accessibility to provide continuity of care should the need for transfer arise.
- It will provide women in Hawaii with better maternal healthcare throughout the duration of her childbearing years through the care of licensed midwives, who help reduce the number of medical interventions and costly cesareans in childbirth.

In November of 2015, I was privileged to have the experience of a successful home birth with a certified professional midwife. If I had gone to the hospital, they would have forced me to have a repeat cesarean, which would have been costly and completely unnecessary. Birth works! I am proof and more women deserve to have better access to professional licensed midwives and the amazing healthcare they provide.

Vote YES for Midwives in Hawaii!

Thank you,

Heidi Livingston

From: [Cyndi Stratton](#)
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I feel more opportunities and choices mom's have is best. Please support the midwife bill
It will be good for families!

From: [Rancho Chico](#)
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Aloha,

I would like to encourage our friends in the Hawaii Legislature to consider giving their strong support to HCR65 as it pertains to the licensing of trained and certified midwives. Our state needs to encourage and endorse practices that will help women and families have access to holistic healthcare practices. The roles of midwives go beyond delivering babies: they advocate sensible choices pertaining to nutrition, stress reduction, and relational connections that can help set both mothers and babies up for becoming healthy and empowered.

Thank you for taking time to consider this legislation, and the positive role of licensed midwives in our state.

Be encouraged,
Don Rogers
Kailua Kona, HI

From: [Lisa M Smith](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: HCR65
Date: Saturday, April 16, 2016 4:15:45 AM

Thank you for the opportunity for my voice to be heard. I fully support this measure as midwifery care provides vital care to women. Midwifery care also bridges the gap between no care and minimal obstetrician care as often women are not able to get appointments with them. Please help to bring better care to pregnant women and their families! Thank you.

Lisa Smith

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Vernon Byrd](#)
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I am very much in support of this resolution for a sunrise audit in order to move forward with licensing CPMs in Hawaii. I think this will give families an opportunity to choose and therefore be a positive benefit for folks in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. George Vernon Byrd

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Selena M. Green	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nina millar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators of the Consumer Protection & Health committee. Please support HCR65. This resolution would provide an updated analysis of the increasing number of Hawaiian families choosing out of hospital births with certified professional midwives. Licensing CPMS would provide greater safety for your constituents. Mahalo, Nina Millar, RN Aloha Birthing Care

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Hilary Millar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HCR65 allowing another analysis of licensing certified professional midwives. I had a Certified Professional Midwife help deliver both my daughter and son at home in the comfort of my own bed. Sincerely, Hilary Millar

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james millar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support repeating a sunrise analysis to determine if licensure of certified professional midwives is needed. As a licensed general contractor, I am in favor of licensing certified professional midwives as I believe it would show the public, a midwife's qualifications & assure greater safety for the babies. Thank you, Jim Millar
Millar Construction

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