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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

Friday, March 18, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65, REQUESTING THE  
AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF THE REGULATION 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 offer comments on H.C.R. No. 65.

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.



# *Midwives Alliance of Hawaii*

March 16, 2016

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

To: House Committee on Health  
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Representative Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329  
415 South Berentania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

From: Midwives Alliance of Hawaii  
Lea Minton, CNM, President  
Nina Millar, RN, Vice President  
Naomi Picinich, SNM, Secretary  
Selena Green, CPM, Treasurer  
Dani Kennedy, CPM, Big Island Representative  
Kaja Gibbs, CPM, Oahu Representative

Time: Twenty-Eighth Legislature Regular Session of 2016  
Friday, March 18, 2016 at 9:00am

Dear Representative Belatti, Representative Creagan and committee members:

Midwives Alliance of Hawaii strongly supports HCR65 and respectfully requests the House Committee on Health to pass this resolution. As a state non-profit organization who represent out of hospital midwives, we would like to see HCR65 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 American in response to evolving national maternal care standards; and out of hospital births have risen in the United States and in Hawaii.

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. If it is again determined that regulation is warranted, then the State Auditor's findings can help to guide a future licensing bill for certified professional midwives in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>                          | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| amy kirbow          | kona birth and midwifery services /gomidwife | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I support the motion to go forward with the Sunrise Audit and lincense CPM's in Hawaii.

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March 16, 2016

**To:** House Committee on Health

healthy  
mothers  
healthy  
babies

**From:** Lisa Kimura, Executive Director, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

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

COALITION  
OF HAWAII

**Time:** Friday, March 18, 2016 at 9:00am

Dear Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair; Representative Richard Creagan, Vice Chair and Members of the Health Committee,

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii (HMHB) strongly supports HCR65 and respectfully requests the House Committee on Health pass this resolution. 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.

We would like to see HCR65 enacted so that the State Auditor can provide an updated sunrise analysis regarding the regulation of certified professional midwives (CPMs) in Hawaii.

In the 17 years since the first sunrise analysis was completed, there have been numerous updates: 30 states have recognized CPMs either through regulation or authorization of practice by statute; standards of care and competencies have been routinely updated in response to evolving national maternal care standards; and out-of-hospital births have risen in the United States and in Hawaii.

Licensure of CPMs in Hawaii would 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.

HMHB 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 CPMs in Hawaii. If it is again determined that regulation is warranted, then the State Auditor's findings can help to guide a future licensing bill for CPMs in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.

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| Dani Kennedy        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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| Stephanie Austin    | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: This is an important step towards to inclusion of certified professional midwives into our health care system. Please support this bill!

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| Hilary Millar       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I had two beautiful home births with a certified professional midwife. Please support HCR65 and licensing certified professional midwives. Sincerely, Hilary Millar

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| nina millar         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: As a practicing midwife in Hawaii, I support HCR65. I humbly request support of this resolution from members of the Health committee. I believe the sunrise analysis will clearly show the need to license certified professional midwives as more families choose CPMs for their out of hospital births. Thank you , Nina Millar

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| Robin Garrison      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I support this resolution as a nurse and home birth mother for a sunrise audit in order to move forward with licensing CPMs in Hawaii. Home births are GOING to happen. Let's do what we can to make them as safe as we can by licensing CPMs. Thank you for your consideration.

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| yoav                | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| naomi               | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Echo Yarberry       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Kaja Gibbs          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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## HLTtestimony

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**I support this resolution for a sunrise audit in order to move forward with licensing CPMs in Hawaii. I believe this will have a positive benefit for Families. Mahalo Craig W Swedberg.**

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| Vanessa Jansen      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I support this resolution for a sunrise audit in order to move forward with licensing CPMs in Hawaii!

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## HLTtestimony

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aloha,

My name is Daya Akina, I was born and raised on O'ahu and I support this resolution for a sunrise audit in order to move forward with licensing CPMs in Hawaii! Mahalo for considering!

Aloha & Blessings