

SB13

Measure Title: RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY.

Report Title: Psychologist Licensing; American Psychological Association; Accredited Doctoral Programs

Description: Expands doctoral degree requirement for licensing of psychologists to include additional doctoral programs accredited by the American Psychological Association.

Companion: [HB269](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s): BAKER, CHUN OAKLAND, GREEN, KIDANI, NISHIHARA, Inouye, Riviere

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/22/2015	S	Introduced.
1/22/2015	S	Passed First Reading.
1/22/2015	S	Referred to HEA/HTH, CPN.
1/28/2015	S	Re-Referred to CPN.
2/13/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 02-19-15 9:00AM in conference room 229.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Thursday, February 19, 2015
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 13, RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is May Ferrer, Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Psychology ("Board"). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 13, Relating to Psychology. Its companion, House Bill No. 269, Relating to Psychology, was heard by the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce on February 2, 2015. At its decision making, on February 4, 2015, the House Committee recommended that the measure be passed, unamended.

The Board agrees with the proposed changes to its statutory language as this will expand the scope of doctoral level education, internship training in professional psychology and post-doctoral specialty training in professional psychology, and allow greater opportunities for licensure. The American Psychological Association has been accrediting programs in professional psychology for over 60 years, gaining formal recognition as an accrediting body by the United States Department of Education and the Council of Higher Education Accreditation.

Thank you for opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 13.



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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

February 17, 2015

Thursday, February 19, 2015, 9:00 am, Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 13

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi and members of the committee, my name is Marie Terry-Bivens, Psy.D. and I am a psychologist and current President of the Hawai'i Psychological Association (HPA). I would like to provide testimony in support of SB 13.

HPA is in support of SB 13 that seeks to expand the doctoral degree requirement to include other doctoral programs accredited by the American Psychological Association to include counseling psychology and school psychology.

HPA is in agreement with the proposed changes to the statutory language and agrees with the Board of Psychology that the recommended changes will help to expand the scope of doctoral level education, training, and increase applicants for licensure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Terry-Bivens, Psy.D.
President