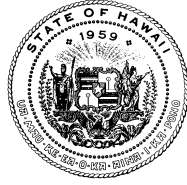


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2672 SD1  
RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

REPRESENTATIVE ANGUS MCKELVEY, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE  
Hearing Date: March 21 2016 Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

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3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports this proposal to assure that  
4 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) have all the environmental and policy supports to practice  
5 at the top of their license. APRNs are a critical source of primary care for Hawaii's residents.

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7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB2672 SD1.

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9 **Offered Amendments:** N/A

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2016

Monday, March 21, 2016  
3:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2672, S.D. 1, RELATING TO ADVANCED  
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K MCKELVEY, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing (“Board”). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2672, S.D. 1, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, that amends various statutes to clarify the role of advanced practice registered nurses (“APRNs”) with regards to their authority and participation in the health care system. The measure also amends definitions in the statutes to conform with the duties and responsibilities of APRNs.

The Board strongly supports this bill. In the past, the Legislature has recognized the importance of the APRN’s practice and the vital role they play in the increased access to primary care for residents of this State. Since legislation in 1994 that established the requirements for APRN licensure in Hawaii, their scope of practice has evolved and advanced faster than they can keep up with the changes in the statutes

and administrative rules. That could explain why there are still some state laws and/or administrative rules that fail to recognize the APRN as a primary care provider.

It is imperative that barriers be removed from the APRN's practice. APRNs are able to provide safe and effective care within the scope of their training and education. It has also been suggested by the Federal Trade Commission that APRNs may help to alleviate shortages in health care access if undue regulatory burdens are reduced.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2672, S.D. 1.

**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
March 21, 2016 3:00 PM.**

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

**SB2672, SD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for SB2672, SD1 Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

In 2009, the Legislature in its great wisdom, introduced Act 169, which clarified the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) by requiring insurers, mutual and fraternal benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to recognize APRNs as primary care providers and granting global signature authority and prescriptive rights. By passing Act 169, SLH 2009, Hawai'i became one of the leading states in the nation to recognize the impact APRNs with full scope of practice authority may have on improving access to safe, quality health care for its people.

In 2014, the Legislature introduced Act 45, which recognized that there existed some outdated or obsolete statutes. It was found that these statutes needed to be amended to enable improved access to health care services, expedite the processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for Hawai'i patients, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Research indicates that that improved laws relating to APRN practice result in lower health care costs, fewer hospital readmissions, and higher satisfaction among family members and may offset the projected physician shortages and provide economic benefits to the state. With the Hawai'i Revised Statutes changes proposed in SB2672, SD1, APRNs in Hawai'i will be better able to provide quality health care and meet the needs of their patients to the full extent of their education and training<sup>1</sup>.

The HSCN respectfully requests that the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce vote favorably for this measure, SB2672, SD1. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill.

<sup>1</sup> The 2010 report proposed that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), if permitted to practice to the full extent of their education and training, could help build the workforce necessary to satisfy the health care needs of an increasing number of people with access to health insurance and contribute their unique skills to the delivery of patient-centered health care. (Institute of Medicine Five-Year Assessment of Progress on the of the Future of Nursing Report)

**March 21, 2016 at 3:00 PM**  
**Conference Room 325**

**House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Justin Woodson, 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 – SB 2672, SD1**

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 SB 2672, SD1 which amends various statutes to clarify the role of advanced practice registered nurses with regards to their authority and participation in the health care system. Prior legislation has recognized appropriately trained advanced practice registered nurses as primary care providers to provide improved access to health care services, expedite processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for patients, especially in rural and underserved areas. SB 2672 would enable advanced practice registered nurses to provide quality health care and meet the needs of patients to the full extent of their education and training.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wailua Brandman	Hawaii Assoc. of Professional Nurses	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair, and members of the House Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE, mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2672, SD1, on behalf of the Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN). We request, however, one amendment to Section 8, (d) (1), adding “controlled drugs” to this sentence: . . .dispense manufacturers' prepackaged samples of over the counter drugs, and non-controlled legend drugs to patients under their care. . . The language in this section was written prior to APRNs being given the authorization by Hawaii’s Legislature to prescribe controlled drugs II-V, over five years ago. While we are updating the statutes to remove the barriers to full practice for APRNs, this section remains as a barrier, and in some instances, APRNs are required by ethical and safe practice patterns to be able to provide their patients with appropriate, efficacious medication in the treatment of the patient’s medical condition, which happen to be controlled by the Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division and the Federal DEA. This is not equal access for patients in rural areas where a pharmacy is not within their reach. We need to remedy this. We strongly encourage you to make this amendment to improve the healthcare of the people of Hawaii, and we thank you for all you do in this effort. Again, HAPN stands in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2672 SD1. Wailua Brandman APRN FAANP, Chair, HAPN Legislative Committee

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The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

To: Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair

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AONE Hawai'i respectfully requests that SB2672 SD1 pass unamended. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill.

<sup>1</sup> *The 2010 report proposed that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), if permitted to practice to the full extent of their education and training, could help build the workforce necessary to satisfy the health care needs of an increasing number of people with access to health insurance and contribute their unique skills to the delivery of patient-centered health care. (Institute of Medicine Five-Year Assessment of Progress on the of the Future of Nursing Report)*

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Allen Novak	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair, and members of the House Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2672, SD1. This bill is necessary to remove the barriers still in place in our statutes in the face of the Legislature granting APRNs Full Practice Authority in 2011. I request, however, one amendment to Section 8, (d) (1), adding “controlled drugs” to this sentence: . . .dispense manufacturers' prepackaged samples of over the counter drugs, and non-controlled legend drugs to patients under their care. . . The language in this section was written prior to APRNs being given the authorization by Hawaii’s Legislature to prescribe controlled drugs II-V, over five years ago. While we are updating the statutes to remove the barriers to full practice for APRNs, this section remains as a barrier, and in some instances, APRNs are required by ethical and safe practice patterns to be able to provide their patients with appropriate, efficacious medication in the treatment of the patient’s medical condition, which happen to be controlled by the Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division and the Federal DEA. This is not equal access for patients in rural areas where a pharmacy is not within their reach. We need to remedy this. I strongly encourage you to make this amendment to improve the healthcare of the people of Hawaii, and thank you for all you do in this effort. Again, I strongly SUPPORT of SB2672 SD1. Allen Novak, APRN Hilo, Hawaii

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Dr. Lenora Lorenzo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair, and members of the House Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2672, SD1. (APRN Barriers) - Our of the Nursing community have come together to craft and support the issues in this bill necessary to remove the barriers to practice still in place in our statutes despite the wisdom of the Legislature granting APRNs Full Practice Authority in 2011. As APRN's our primary concern is assuring our patients receive the safest high quality care they deserve. As a practicing primary care provider I voice concern that section 8 Part 1 was not amended to include inserting "Controlled" after over the counter drugs, and striking, "provided that an advanced practice registered nurse shall not request, receive, or sign for professional controlled substance samples." This language was written prior to APRNs being granted practice authority to prescribe controlled substances II-IV and, as such is now obsolete. The statute should accurately reflect the current authority of the APRN. In our work as APRN's serving Lanai, Haleiwa and even Ocean View, Hawaii Island, this omission to dispense appropriate medication for severe pain can be considered bad practice and not following evidence based national guidelines for acute pain control. Imagine your child or mother with severe pain from a dental abscess or bone fracture not being given the medication to control the pain and promote rest and healing! In our rural areas and neighbor islands, remote communities, do not have access to pharmacists or other facilities to manage their acute pain conditions. Therefore your thoughtful inclusion of this amendment means an APRN's patients can receive the same level of quality care as when they are treated by a physician or PA's in the same circumstance. Fortunately, APRN's are eager to serve the rural areas and remote populations, thus increasing access to care Please give this careful consideration as this is an important issue that will impact access to safe quality health care in our communities and for our ohana! Respectfully, Lenora Lorenzo DNP, APRN, FAANP, American Association of Nurse Practitioners Hawaii State Representative and HAPN Treasurer

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Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Legislators; Please pass this bill to modernize our statutes and allow APRNs to take care of our community. Mahalo!

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To: The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair,  
The Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Date: Monday, March 21, 2016  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: S.B. 2672 S.D. 1 Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

SB2672 SD1 proposes to amend various statutes including sections 386-1 and 386-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), of the Workers' Compensation Law to include Advanced Practice Registered Nurses ("APRN") in the definition of health care provider.

The department supports this measure.

**CURRENT LAW**

Section 386-1, HRS, defines "health care provider" as a person qualified by the director to render health care and service and has a license for the practice of Medicine, Dentistry, Chiropractic, Naturopathic, Optometry, Podiatry, and Psychology. Section 386-27, HRS, establishes the qualifications and duties of those health care providers.

**COMMENTS ON THE SENATE BILL**

The department supports this proposal. The intent of the Workers' Compensation law is to provide adequate and proper medical care to the injured worker to insure maximum medical improvement of conditions resulting from industrial injuries and to return the injured worker to the work force as quickly as the process allows. APRNs are important contributors to those objectives.