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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Senate Committee on Health

The Hon. Josh Green, Chair

The Hon. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Testimony on Senate Bill 695

Relating to Medicine

Submitted by Nani Medeiros, Public Affairs and Policy Director

February 18, 2015, 1:30 pm, Room 414

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 695, which calls for a working group to discuss nutrition and lifestyle behaviors for the prevention and treatment of chronic disease.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

Senate Bill 695 falls directly in line with those beliefs, calling for an improvement of environmental and lifestyle factors to directly alleviate health concerns.

For these reasons, we strongly support this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, February 18, 2015
1:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 695, RELATING TO MEDICINE.

TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (“Board”). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 695, Relating to Medicine. The Board had an opportunity to review this bill at its meeting on February 12, 2015, and expressed its opposition.

The purpose of this bill is to require the Board to convene a working group at one of its meetings no later than July 1, 2016, to discuss nutrition and lifestyle behavior for the purpose of prevention and treatment of chronic disease. A report shall be submitted by the Board to the Legislature prior to the convening of the regular session of 2017.

The Board opposes this bill because it believes that the discussion of nutrition and lifestyle behavior for the purpose of prevention and treatment of chronic disease is not part of its stated mission. As the Legislature is aware, the Board was established to ensure public safety by licensing safe and competent practitioners who meet minimum licensing requirements.

The Board also expressed its concern that it would be interfering with the Department of Health’s and other State agencies’ ongoing efforts in this area.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to Senate Bill
No. 695, Relating to Medicine.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Legislators; As an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse I fully support this bill which will convene a working group to consider continuing education for physicians and dissemination to physicians information on health promotion and disease prevention and chronic disease management. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses are uniquely qualified providers of health care in our community and may want to be included in this workgroup and report to the legislature. Mahalo for your consideration, Yvonne Geesey JD MSN

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to be included as a recovering Organophosphate/pesticide poison victim. Please include alternative caregivers health practioners, and patients with successful cures. Mahalo Sharon Willeford

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Written Testimony Presented Before the
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02-18-15 1:30AM in conference room 444.
By

Lenora Lorenzo DNP, APRN, FAANP
Family, Geriatrics and Diabetes Nurse Practitioner
Region 9 Director, American Association of Nurse Practitioners

SB 695 RELATING TO MEDICINE

Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Glen Wakai, Vice-Chair and members of the Committee on Health. As an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APR), I fully support this bill which will convene a working group to consider continuing education for physicians and dissemination to physicians information on health promotion and disease prevention and chronic disease management. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses are uniquely qualified providers of health care in our community and would be important to be included in this workgroup and report to the legislature.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) AANP strongly supports accessibility, patient safety, and quality of care issues that are part of the health care reform movement. Recent Hawai'i legislation recognizes APRNs as Licensed Independent Practitioners with full prescribing authority and approval to serve as Primary Care Providers in Hawai'i's hospital and health care systems. Health reform worldwide is required due to the largely aging population, increase in chronic diseases, and rising costs. To meet these needs, the Institute of Medicine report advocates that nurses practice to the full extent of their skills and take significant leadership roles in health policy, planning, and provision. Therefore, APRNs should be included in this workgroup and report to the legislature to include the unique perspective of nursing.

In nursing, health promotion and disease prevention are the foundation of our practice and the delineation of what makes nursing distinct from other professions. Therefore health promotion–disease prevention is one of the highest priorities for APRN's. Providing medical care is just one aspect of primary care. Patient education and expert knowledge in motivation and behavior change will enable all providers with the knowledge, skills, and education to be successful in assisting health behavior changes. Therefore, APRN will greatly contribute to the work group and should be included in the education for health promotion and disease prevention.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and bring the unique perspective of nursing to health care reform, health promotion, and disease prevention. Please move this bill forward inclusive of APRNs in this workgroup and report to the legislature.

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SB695

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Testimony for HTH on Feb 18, 2015 13:30PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Harris, M.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As you know, diabetes, obesity, and heart disease have their roots in unhealthy eating habits. And yet medical education does almost nothing to equip doctors to work with patients on nutrition-related problems. Although we now know that heart disease can be reversed, that diabetes can improve and sometimes disappear for all intents and purposes, and that cancer risk can be reduced through diet and lifestyle changes, young doctors entering practice lack the tools to accomplish these things. Even worse, if one recommends a healthful diet change to a patient, unknowledgeable doctors may contradict you and discourage a patient from change. I urge the passage of SB695

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By

Pualani Gandall-Yamamoto MSN, APRN-Rx, FNP-BC
Family Nurse Practitioner
Hawaii State Representative, American Association of Nurse Practitioners

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In nursing, health promotion and disease prevention are the foundation of our practice and the delineation of what makes nursing distinct from other professions. What this means is that health promotion and disease prevention are one of the highest priorities for Advanced Practice Nurses. Providing medical care is just one aspect of primary care. Patient education and expert knowledge in motivation and behavior change will enable all providers with the knowledge, skills, and education to be successful in assisting health behavior changes. Therefore, Advanced Practice Nurses will greatly contribute to the work group and should be included in the education for health promotion and disease prevention.

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