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February 27, 2017

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair,
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair;
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health

Date: Monday, February 27, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

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

Re: S.B. No. 984 Relating to Workers' Compensation Physician

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

This proposal amends section 386-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), of the Workers' Compensation Law to include Advanced Practice Registered Nurses ("APRN") in the definition of physician.

The Department strongly supports this DLIR proposal that will help alleviate the shortage of physicians willing to treat injured workers. DLIR believes that allowing APRNs to treat injured workers as the physician will help alleviate the shortage of physicians willing to treat injured workers and improve access to health care services, *especially* on the Neighbor Islands.

II. CURRENT LAW

Section 386-1 defines "physician" as including a doctor of medicine, a dentist, a chiropractor, an osteopath, a naturopathic physician, a psychologist, an optometrist, and a podiatrist.

Act 183, effective July 1, 2016, added APRNs under chapter 457, HRS, to the definition of "health care provider" allowing their participation as health care providers. However, by definition in 386-1, HRS, APRN's cannot be responsible for the treatment of injured workers unless, "...under the direction of the attending physician." section 12-15-31(c) of the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule Administrative Rules.

III. COMMENTS ON THE SENATE BILL

The intent of the Workers' Compensation law is to provide adequate and proper medical care to injured workers to insure maximum medical improvement of conditions resulting from industrial injuries and to return injured workers to the work force as quickly as the process allows. This proposal will allow APRNs to be responsible for treatment of injured workers in workers' compensation cases to the fullest extent of their training and education.

The University of Hawaii at Mānoa, John A. Burns - School of Medicine (JABSOM) reported findings from the Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Project to the 2015 Legislature, in accordance with Act 18 (Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009) as amended by Act 186 (Session Laws of Hawaii 2012). The report indicated that there was a shortage of 665 physicians or twenty per cent in Hawaii and that a best-case scenario for future workforce numbers is that by 2020 Hawaii will have a shortage of 800 physicians.

The physician specialties with the greatest shortages are primary care, particularly on the Neighbor Islands, as well as other specialties, many of which are needed by injured workers.

Exacerbating the physician shortage in workers' compensation is the refusal or reluctance of physicians to take injured workers as patients due to the onerous paperwork and litigious nature of the workers' compensation system, which was designed to function in a more informal manner. The shortage of physicians willing to treat injured workers is particularly problematic on the Neighbor Islands, and especially so in remote areas.

DLIR believes that allowing APRNs to treat injured workers as the physician will help alleviate the shortage of physicians willing to treat injured workers and improve access to health care services, especially on the Neighbor Islands.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

AND

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

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Monday, February 27, 2017
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 984, RELATING TO WORKERS'
COMPENSATION PHYSICIAN.**

TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 984, Relating to Workers' Compensation Physician, which would amend the definition of "physician" in the workers' compensation law to include advanced practice registered nurses ("APRNs").

The Board supports this bill which would recognize qualified APRNs to provide primary medical care services to workers' compensation patients. For licensure, APRNs must complete a graduate-level degree in nursing practice and maintain national certification in their practice specialty. Continuing education is required for both prescriptive authority and the maintenance of national certification.

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Removing “barriers” by recognizing that APRNs are qualified to provide health care services in addition to physicians and other health care providers is vital to ensuring that residents of this State are able to receive the health care they deserve.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 984.

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
and
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
February 27, 2017 9:00 AM
by
Laura Reichhardt, NP-C, APRN, Director
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

SB 984 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION PHYSICIAN

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor and Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health. Thank you for hearing testimony for SB 984 Related to Workers' Compensation. I am the Director of the Hawai'i State Center of Nursing and would like to testify in strong support of this measure.

In 2016, the Hawai'i State Legislature passed Act 183, which amended various statutes clarifying the role of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) with the aims to improve access to safe, quality health care for the people of this State. S.L.H. 2016 Act 183 was drafted in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) to expand access to Worker's Compensation by means of allowing APRNs to conduct Worker's Compensation care. The amendments to Chapter 386 in S.L.H. 2016 Act 183 added APRNs to the definition of "Health Care Provider" to APRNs to treat injured workers in Hawai'i.

SB 984 further clarifies Chapter 386 by adding APRNs to the definition of "Attending Physician" which will enable APRNs to both treat injured workers and be compensated for their services.

These efforts to improve access to health care with the DLIR is a long partnership among state and local entities to improve the health and well-being established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 2013 through H.C.R 53 H.D. 1 and S.C.R. 66 S.D. 2 which found that APRNs should practice to the full extent of their education and training, that scope of practice barriers should be removed, and that the Legislature is dedicated to addressing the needs and interests of the people of Hawai'i, including ensuring that quality health care is easily accessible to consumers throughout the State, and that APRNs may help serve these needs for the people of Hawai'i. The State Legislature also found that by state agencies aligning and modernizing applicable state statutes, APRNs would be more able to seamlessly provide quality health care to people in need, including medically underserved and rural areas.

Thank you for your longstanding support for APRNs, ensuring access to care for Hawai'i's people. The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing respectfully requests the favorable vote on this measure.

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
and
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
February 27, 2017 9:00 AM**

**by
Laura Westphal, RN, MBA, CPHQ**

AONE Hawaii

SB 984 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION PHYSICIAN

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Thank you for your longstanding support for APRNs, ensuring access to care for Hawai'i's people. AONE Hawaii respectfully requests the favorable vote on this measure.

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

Comments: Strong Support - this measure will fix the overlooked element in Act 183, from last session and will finally remove the insurance companies' excuse for not reimbursing APRNs delivering care in workman's compensation claims. HAPN strongly supports this measure. Mahalo for your enduring care for the people of Hawai`i. Wailua Brandman APRN FAANP, Chair, HAPN Legislative Committee

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by
Denise Cohen, APRN, PhD**

SB 984 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION PHYSICIAN

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**Written Testimony Presented Before the
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February 27, 2017 9:00 AM
by
Dr. Linda Beechinor, FNP-BC, APRN**

SB 984 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION PHYSICIAN

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor and Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health. Thank you for hearing testimony for SB 984 Related to Workers' Compensation. I would like to testify in strong support of this measure will enable APRNs to both treat injured workers and be compensated for their services.

These efforts to improve access to health care and to ensure that quality health care is easily accessible to consumers throughout the State, and that APRNs may help serve these needs for the people of Hawai'i. Through this measure, APRNs would be more able to seamlessly provide quality health care to people in need, including medically underserved and rural areas.

Thank you for your longstanding support for APRNs, ensuring access to care for Hawai'i's people. I respectfully request your favorable vote on this measure.

Linda Beechinor, DNP, APRN-Rx, FNP-BC
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**Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
and
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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by
Eve Teeter-Balin, RN**

SB 984 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION PHYSICIAN

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Thank you for your longstanding support for APRNs, ensuring access to care for Hawai'i's people. I respectfully request the favorable vote on this measure.

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By
Jennifer Krome, APRN-Rx, FNP**

SB 984 RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION PHYSICIAN

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor and Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health. Thank you for hearing testimony for SB 984 Related to Workers' Compensation. **Jennifer Krome, APRN-Rx, FNP** would like to testify in strong support of this measure.

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Thank you for your longstanding support for APRNs, ensuring access to care for Hawai'i's people. **Jennifer Krome, APRN-Rx, FNP** respectfully requests the favorable vote on this measure.

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Jeny Bissell	Individual	Support	No

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Kathleen Yokouchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In very strong support.

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by
Kimberley A. Schorr, DNP, APRN-Rx, FNP-C, MPH**

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Your longstanding support for APRNs, ensures access to care for Hawai'i's people. Dr. Kimberley Schorr respectfully requests the favorable vote on this measure.

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
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by
Lenora Lorenzo, DNP, APRN, BC-FNP, GNP, ADM, FAANP**

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Lisa Garrett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill; we need this for our APRN community.

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By
Susan Lee BSN, RN, WCC**

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Thank you for your longstanding support for APRNs, ensuring access to care for Hawai'i's people. **Susan Lee** respectfully requests the favorable vote on this measure.

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Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

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From: Art Gladstone
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Re: SB 984 – Testimony in Support

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.

I am writing in support of SB 984 which amends the definition of "physician" in the worker's compensation law to include advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). Act 183 (2016) amended various statutes clarifying the role of APRNs. The goal of those amendments was to improve access to safe, quality health care in the state. SB 984 further clarifies the worker's compensation law such that APRNs will be able to treat injured workers and be compensated for their services. With the shortage of physicians and other health care professionals in Hawaii, especially in rural and underserved areas, SB 984 will provide injured workers greater access to care and treatment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.