

Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

**Before the
House Committee on Finance
Thursday, March 28, 2019
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 1406, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, RELATING TO HEALTH**

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O., and I am the Chairperson of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board supports this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) authorize supervision of physician assistants by physician groups; (2) permit supervising physicians or groups to establish practice-appropriate record review policies; (3) establish continuing education requirements and authorize audits to enforce compliance; and (4) clarify provisions relating to forfeiture and reinstatement of a license.

The Board supports this bill, as it: (1) streamlines the Board's requirements for medical records review for physician assistants; and (2) brings the license renewal requirements of physician assistants to parity with physicians licensed in the State.

For the Committee's information, at its meeting on March 14, 2019, the Board discussed with stakeholders possible amendments to H.D. 1 to address concerns regarding: (1) categorizing physician assistants by their experience; (2) having a supervising physician review all medical records that contain written orders or prescriptions for controlled substances, as this is not currently a requirement; and (3) physician assistant renewal requirements. H.D. 2 alleviates the concerns of all parties.

The Board recognizes the important role physician assistants have in healthcare and believes this bill is a step in the right direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 2:00 PM
Conference Room 308

House Committee on Finance

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President, Government Relations & Community Affairs

**Re: Testimony in Support of SB 1406, SD1, HD2
Relating to Health**

My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of Government Relations & Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

I write in support of SB 1406, SD1, HD2 which, among other things, establishes categories of medical records review for physician assistants depending on their level of experience.

The 2018 Annual Report on Findings from the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment Report indicates that the current physician shortage has increased from 769 in 2017 to 797 in 2018. In the case of primary care physicians, the shortage is calculated to be 263 physicians. This shortfall is projected to worsen with the increased demand for health care from an aging population and the retirement of an aging physician population creating access issues on Oahu and the neighbor islands.

Hawai'i Pacific Health is a proponent of team based care and openly recruits and relies upon physician assistants to work in collaboration with our physicians. Physician assistants are skilled health care providers trained to take medical histories, perform physical examinations, order and interpret laboratory tests, diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, and assist in surgery. Utilization of physician assistants provides a viable option to managing both the growing physician shortage and the growing medical demands of the State's population. Thus, they offer an effective and efficient method of delivering healthcare to our community.

The original intent of SB 1406 was to remove barriers for physicians to work most effectively with PA's by modernizing the current statute regulating PA practice. Under

current statute, physician assistants are required to practice “under the *supervision* of a physician”. The “under the supervision” requirement does not reflect the manner in which physician assistants are actually being utilized within a team-based model of practice making modernization timely. We believe this measure is an important step in that process.

We also look forward to the Hawai‘i Association of Physician Assistants’ (HAPA) and the Hawai‘i Medical Board’s joint effort in developing statutory language that will enable physicians the flexibility to work with physician assistants in care teams that make the most sense for the care environments of our patients.

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From: Monte Elias, MD
Emergency Department

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My name is Dr. Monte Elias, MD and I am an emergency medicine physician employed by Straub Medical Center (Straub). Straub is an affiliate of Hawaii Pacific Health. Founded in 1921, Straub includes a 159-bed hospital in Honolulu, a network of neighborhood clinics and a visiting specialist program that reaches throughout the state of Hawai'i. With over 200 physicians who are leaders in their fields, Straub provides its patients with diagnoses and treatments for more than 32 different medical specialties, including bone and joint, heart, cancer, endocrinology/diabetes, family medicine, gastroenterology, geriatric medicine, internal medicine, vascular and urology.

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To:
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

Date: March 28, 2019
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Room 308
From: Hawaii Medical Association
Jerry Van Meter, MD, President
Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director

Re: SB 1406 SD1 HD2– Relating to Health
Position: SUPPORT

On behalf of Hawaii's physician and student members, the HMA expresses support for efforts to streamline and improve the efficiency of the practice of Physician Assistants and their contribution to providing quality health care to the people of Hawaii.

The HMA approves of the changes made in the Senate and House drafts. These changes will improve the effectiveness of the care provided by PAs, and reduce the regulatory burden on them and their supervising physician. We particularly like the ability to place scope of practice determination at the practice level allowing utilization of physician assistants at a level that best serves its patients.

Thank you for allowing testimony on this issue.

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Testimony of
Jonathan Ching
Government Relations Specialist

Before:
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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

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Re: SB 1406, SD1, HD2 Relating to Health

Chair Luke, Chair Cullen and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1406, SD1, HD2, which allows greater flexibility in physician assistants' scope of their practice by establishing a streamlined process for medical records review for physician assistants, and establishes biennial continuing education requirements for renewal of physician assistant licenses.

Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i SUPPORTS SB 1406, SD1, HD2.

Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i believes that physicians assistants should be permitted to practice at the top of their training, education and experience. Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i appreciates the contributions made by certified physician assistants and has a great deal of confidence in the quality of health care they provide within the Kaiser Permanente system. Our physician-owned Hawai'i Permanente Medical Group (HPMG) – Hawai'i's largest multispecialty medical group – employs over 550 physicians and licensed medical providers, including over 50 physician assistants. Within the Kaiser Permanente system, physician assistants practice along with physicians and other medical professionals in a collaborative effort to provide high quality patient care in a variety of specialties and settings – including Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Dermatology, Orthopedics, Cardiology, Oncology, Nephrology, Occupational Medicine, Vascular, General and Cardiothoracic Surgery, Infectious Disease, Radiology, Urology and Otolaryngology (ears, nose and throat).

We support this measure and believe that it is a great first step towards modernizing physician assistants' scope of practice. Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i supports the clarifications that were provided at the prior committee by the Hawai'i Board of Medicine with agreement from all stakeholders.

While the HD2 reflects a narrower scope than the original bill, we believe that streamlining the supervision process between physicians and physician assistants is one of the areas that is in more

urgent need of reform. Hawai'i law currently requires physicians to review 100% of physician assistants' charts (one of the most restrictive standards in the country), which creates a significant administrative burden on physicians in the health care system. Amending this process so that chart review occurs more appropriately by the supervising physician or group of physicians is consistent with physician assistants' training and education, and a positive first step to modernizing their scope of practice. It also responds to the needs of the overall healthcare system and will increase the overall efficiency and delivery of healthcare.

In addition, allowing physician assistants to renew their licenses by meeting continuing education requirements will align Hawai'i's licensing standard for physician assistants in the majority of states, and will encourage the growth of the physician assistant profession.

We believe that increasing utilization of physician assistants is ultimately an important part of Hawai'i's efforts to address a continued and growing physician shortage in a way that provides safe quality care to more people throughout the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Denny	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Claire L. Yoshida	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a citizen and voter. I strongly believe that Physician Assistants play a valuable role in providing medical services to people in our state. Through my medical provider, I have used many Physican Assistants and I like the services that I have receive.

I support any legislation which will help to expand practice for Physician Assistants. They are highly trained medical people that will help provide cover the medical shortage of physicians in our state. Physician Assistants want to practice collaboratively with their doctors. I support their stance and hope that more changes to the law can be made, if not this legislative session then next session.

Changing how charting and relicensure is done is a good start but more needs to be done so that Physician Assistants can be used to the fullest extent of their training and experience.

SB-1406-HD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Alfrey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: COMMITTEE CHAIR for FINANCE, Representative Sylvia Luke.

1. Larry Alfrey PA-C Emeritus. Retired from Queen's Medical Center, December 2017

Re: SB1406 (related to: HB935, Relating to Health, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 2:00PM, Conference Room 308

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Larry Alfrey, I am a retired physician assistant from The Queen's Medical Center Trauma Department in Honolulu and I strongly support SB1406. This bill will modernize physician assistant practice laws in our state.

Hawaii has a physician shortage of 797 physicians. Specialties most affected statewide include Primary Care, Infectious Disease, Colorectal Surgery, Neurosurgery, Rheumatology, and Endocrinology. 17.8% of Hawaii's residents are 65 years old and older and their healthcare needs will increase with age.

Physician Assistants (PAs) are highly trained and skilled medical providers that provide **SAFE, HIGH Quality** and **AFFORDABLE** healthcare. PAs work **collaboratively** with a supervising physician.

1. most PAs receive a **graduate-level degree** after an approximately 27-month intense program of study. Many PA programs are affiliated with a medical school and obtain their education along side a medical student. The typical PA student receives more than 2,000 hours of supervised, hands-on clinical care experience before graduation, and all new PAs must take and pass an initial national

certifying exam. The more than 300 PAs in Hawaii diagnose illnesses, develop and manage treatment plans and prescribe medications in every medical setting and specialty. The majority of states, as well as federal programs like Medicare and Medicaid, do not require PAs to maintain certification. However, like other non-physician occupations (including a Nurse Practitioner, CNAs, Physical and Occupational Therapists, etc), they earn required CMEs (continuing medical education) to keep their licenses active.

PAs do not have their own statute in Hawaii. PAs were first added to HRS 453 in the 1970s. As it pertains to PAs, HRS 453 Medicine and Surgery in its current status is antiquated, restrictive, and creates an administrative burden for physicians and medical facilities to utilize PAs. Often, physicians or hospitals will not hire qualified PAs simply due to the State laws and administrative rules.

Since the first PA class of 1967, the PA profession has grown and matured. The #3 job overall in the US and #1 in Healthcare according to 2019 U.S. News 100 Best Jobs. <https://money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/rankings/the-100-best-jobs> PAs can be an affordable option for physician shortages.

1. (related to HB935) modernizes HRS 453 to clarify the scope and practice of PAs to what is comparable on a national level. It continues to allow PAs to **work collaboratively** with a physician in many medical specialties and settings. PAs can help to care for Hawaii residents impacted by the physician shortage

This bill will allow the manner of collaboration between physician assistant and physician to be determined at the practice level with a practice agreement rather than State level. This will relieve the administrative burden and allow further utilization of PAs and increase access to care.

PAs are NOT seeking independent practice – we seek to strengthen our collaborative relationships and individualize it at the practice level. I was made aware of testimony submitted by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the Hawaii Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (HAOPS). I am also aware of the false claims made by them that has been addressed by our national organization, the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA). The AAPA submitted a letter to set the record straight To: Members of the Hawaii State House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee FROM: American Academy of PAs DATE: February 22, 2019 SUBJECT: House Bill 935.

I trust you will have been able to review the letter written by the AAPA to the Hawaii State House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee.

I also would like to inform you that I have personally trained many, many Osteopathic Residents in training stationed at the Tripler Army Medical Center over a period of approximately 15 years. They know the training of a PA. They know what a PA is capable of delivering to each patient and they knew that they could depend on me to carry them through their trauma surgical experience while rotating to Queen's. I have also worked along side many osteopathic physicians during my years of being a physician assistant (30years +) and they appreciated having me work with them. I was truly disappointed to have read the Hawaii Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons American Osteopathic Association response. To me, it documents their lack of knowledge of what a PAs education is, what a PA really does and what a PA is currently providing to our State of Hawaii and across our nation, legally and collaboratively.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB1406 that will allow Physician Assistant to relicense by earning CME credits like other professions across the majority of states in the USA and to have review of a Physician Assistant's medical records by a supervising physician without having to obtain a burdensome co-signature by the supervising physician. This should be a welcoming factor to many physicians across our state and facilitate hiring of a physician assistant to help ease the burden of many medical practitioner's patient overload.

Sincerely,

Larry Alfrey, PA-C Emeritus. Retired from The Queen's Medical Center, December 2017

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation.

Fielding Mercer, PA-C

Past president and legislative liaison for HAPA 2008-2016

SB-1406-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 7:25:08 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Dusenbury	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

THE SENATE	S.B. NO. 1406
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STATE OF HAWAII	H.D. 2

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Nicole Dusenbury PA-C

Hawaii Permenente Medical Group

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick Katahara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a PA in Hawaii and this bill is restrictive to my practice and will only create further barriers tp quality healthercare treatment and access.

SB-1406-HD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirstin Kahaloa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
vincent tenorio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB1406 SD1 HD2. I am uncomfortable with the tier leveled medical review. If it is not too late, I would request that the tier level medical review be removed and have the medical records review done at practice level with the physician/physicians. I strongly support this bill even if the tier level cannot be removed.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alissa H	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha I work at Hawaii Permanente Medical Group and I am in support of this bill. I believe it will improve the quality and access of care for our ohana of Hawaii. Mahalo, Alissa

SB-1406-HD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Santo Di Martino	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am a stong supporter of this bill.I am happy to see these major changes for the PA

profession. We are an ardent and dedicated group of professionals ready to seve as an adament team member for the people of Hawaii.

I am a Physician Assistant of over 40 years and am in complete agreement with these necessary changes, especially regarding the recertification exam.

This bill will conjoin Hawaii with the majority of other states and will help bring the PAs of Hawaii into the twenty first century.

Thank you for allowing this bill to pass.

Santo Di Martino PA-C

SB-1406-HD-2

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Natalie Hammond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

THE SENATE

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Patricia Achay, PA-C

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Comments:

I am testifying in support of SB 1406, SD1 HD2, but with amendments as recommended in my testimony and as per a HD3 version of the bill submitted for your review herein.

You will note that most all of the testimony that came in on HD1 was positive for that version of the bill, however several testifiers recommended removal of section 2 which require record review and initialing of controlled substance prescriptions written by PAs. Please note that that language is outdated and no longer pertinent to PA practice in Hawaii. We currently have the Hawaii Prescription Drug Monitoring Program administered by the Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) which records all Schedule II-IV controlled substance prescriptions. It made sense to remove that language as the HD2 version did. But the reintroduction of the tiered record review is contrary to the HD1 version of the bill which stated:

(1) Each physician assistant and supervising physician, osteopathic physician, or group of physicians shall establish written guidelines for the review of medical records as appropriate to the specific practice. These guidelines shall be kept in the office of the practice setting in which either the physician assistant or supervising physician, osteopathic physician, or group of physician practices, and shall be made available to the Hawaii medical board and the regulated industries complaints office or the board's or office's designee;

This is the version that those submitting testimony supporting HD1 advocated for. They did not advocate for the tiered system of review, which was removed from the SD1 version of the bill.

The proposed HD3 version included here, is the HD1 version of the bill without section 2 which stated:

(2) The supervising physician, osteopathic physician, or group of physicians shall review medical records as required by this subsection; provided that the supervising physician, osteopathic physician, or group of physicians shall review all medical records that contain written orders or prescriptions for controlled substances;

NED monitoring of controlled substances is via the Hawaii PDMP program negates the need for additional supervising physician review of controlled substance order or prescriptions. Hawaii PAs have individual Federal DEA, state NED licenses, and state

licenses to practice medicine. APRNs are not similarly restricted. It is time to stop over regulating PA practice in Hawaii. A HD3 version would help to do that.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation.

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