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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
House Committee on Finance
Thursday, February 25, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

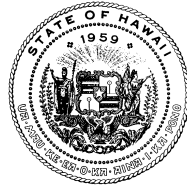
**On the following measure:
H.B. 471, H.D. 1, RELATING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS**

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Licensing Administrator of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Professional and Vocational Licensing Division. The Department supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to make permanent the regulation of behavior analysts. The Department supports the bill's intent to make permanent the regulation of behavior analysts to continue protecting the public from the unqualified practice of behavior analysis and from unprofessional conduct by behavior analysts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



STATE OF HAWAII
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB471 HD1
RELATING TO HEALTH.**

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

REPRESENTATIVE TY J.K. CULLEN, VICE CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: February 25, 2021

Room Number: Via Videoconference

1 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) **SUPPORTS** this Measure.

2 **Department Testimony:** The subject matter of this measure falls within the scope of the
3 Department's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) and its statutory mandate to assure a
4 comprehensive statewide behavioral health care system by leveraging and coordinating public,
5 private and community resources. Through the BHA, the Department is committed to carrying
6 out this mandate by reducing silos, ensuring behavioral health care is readily accessible, and
7 person-centered. The BHA's Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) provides the following
8 testimony on behalf of the Department.

9 The DOH-DDD operates Hawaii's §1915(c) Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services
10 Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) on behalf of the
11 Department of Human Services, MedQUEST Division. DOH-DDD is committed
12 to quality behavioral interventions. A key intervention is the use of Licensed Behavior
13 Analysts, and Licensed Psychologists working within their respective scopes of practice when an
14 adult participant of the I/DD waiver needs a formal Functional Behavioral Analysis
15 and oversight for the implementation of a Behavior Support Plan. The DOH supports that the
16 practice of behavior analysis and licensure of behavior analysts should continue to be regulated
17 to ensure the efficacy of behavior analytic services and access to this much needed resource. The

1 DOH also supports the exemptions in chapter 465D, Hawaii Revised Statutes that help to ensure
2 an adequate workforce for 1915(c) I/DD Medicaid Waiver participants.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2360
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

Date: 02/25/2021

Time: 01:00 PM

Location: 308 Via Videoconference

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0471, HD1 RELATING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS.

Purpose of Bill: Makes permanent the regulation of behavior analysts. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of HB 471, HD1 to continue the regulation and control of the practice of behavior analysts for the purpose of ensuring continued treatment of individuals with autism and protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare.

The Department is committed to providing quality Applied Behavior Analysis services to our students regardless of the continuation of Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 465D.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lara Bollinger	Together For Our Keiki	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lara Bollinger and I am the Vice President for Together For Our Keiki™ (T.F.O.K.). Together For Our Keiki is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to advocate and create a diverse and inclusive community for our keiki by empowering parents and caregivers and educating local stakeholders. We are writing today in **SUPPORT OF HB471**, which seeks to make permanent the licensure for behavior analysts. As noted in the auditor's report (12/2020) hundreds of behavior analysts have been licensed and thousands of individuals have received access to ABA services since the passage of this law in 2015. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this measure and thank you for your dedication to our consumers and the profession of behavior analysis.

Mahalo,

Lara Bollinger, JD, BCBA, LBA

Vice President, Together For Our Keiki

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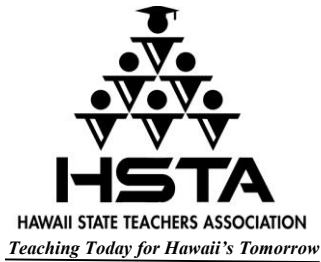
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	No

Comments:

We are in full support.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

RE: HB 471, HD1 - RELATING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 471, HD1**, relating to behavior analysis. This bill makes permanent the regulation of behavior analysts.

Behavior analysis means the design, implementation, and evaluation of instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior. The practice of behavior analysis includes the empirical identification of functional relations between behavior and environmental factors, known as functional assessment and analysis, as well as the use of contextual factors, motivating operations, antecedent stimuli, positive reinforcement, and other consequences to help people develop positive behaviors.

Act 199, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, established the behavior analyst program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and created licensing requirements for behavior analysts. Licensing of behavior analysis services was made concurrent with mandated insurance coverage for diagnosis and treatment related to autism disorders, with which nearly 1,500 public school students are currently diagnosed. Act 205 further clarified the licensing qualifications for those who conduct Functional Behavior Assessments (FBAs), and design and monitor Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Plans in our state.

Our teachers sometimes need the support of other professionals who support our students with other areas of expertise; this area is one of them. Health plans should cover these services and these services should remain regulated and licensed accordingly. Although teachers are able to implement these plans, they need Licensed Behavioral Analysts or School Psychologists to conduct FBAs and write ABA plans.

To support access to learning experiences of our most vulnerable keiki, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.



House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Re: HB 471, Relating to Behavior Analysis

Testimony submitted via Capitol Website

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) strongly supports HB 471, HD1, which would make permanent the regulation of behavior analysts under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 465D.

Since the enactment of the behavior analyst licensure law (Act 199) and autism insurance law (Act 235) in 2015, over 480 behavior analysts have been licensed and over 1500 registered behavior technicians have been credentialed under their supervision in the State. As a result, several thousand keiki and other individuals have received access to applied behavior analysis services. These numbers are continuing to grow to meet the ongoing demand for applied behavior analysis services in the State.

The practice of behavior analysis should continue to be regulated in order to protect consumers from unqualified practitioners, unprofessional conduct, and to ensure high quality services for those who need them. In December 2020, the Auditor released Report No. 20-20: "Sunset Evaluation: Regulation of Behavior Analysts," which supported the continued regulation of the applied behavior analysis profession. The Report specifically found that:

1. Licensing requirements governing the practice of applied behavior analysis are reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of those receiving services, and therefore should be maintained. For example, behavior analysts develop and supervise treatment in cases involving aggressive and impulsive behaviors, including physical aggression, property destruction, and self-injury. Licensing the practice of applied behavior analysis protects consumers by establishing certain minimum qualifications, as treatment by unqualified individuals could worsen behavior and result in other negative social outcomes;
2. Regulation assures that behavior analysts are licensed professionals providing services that are eligible for insurance reimbursement; and
3. Licensing of behavior analysts does not unreasonably restrict entry into the practice of applied behavior analysis in Hawaii and licensing fees cover the cost to administer the program.

HABA supports HB 471, HD1, and requests a clean date to ensure the regulation does not lapse on 06/30/2021.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to testify on this measure and thank you for your continued support of our keiki and families.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roxanne Bristol', is positioned above the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Roxanne Bristol

President

Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis

February 23, 2021

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

I would like to offer testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 471 relating to Behavior Analysts.

I am a special education teacher and an ABA student in Supervision. This licensure law is important to me because teachers sometimes need the support of other professionals who support our students with other areas of expertise; this area is one of them. Health plans should cover these services and these services should remain regulated and licensed accordingly. Although teachers are able to implement these plans, they need Licensed Behavioral Analysts or School Psychologists to conduct FBAs and write ABA plans.

Since the enactment of the licensure law and autism insurance coverage law in 2015, over 480 behavior analysts and 1400 registered behavior technicians have been licensed or credentialed in the state. Thousands of individuals have received access to applied behavior analysis services. Regulation of behavior analysts is needed to ensure demand for services continues to be met and maintain the quality of services. Continued regulation ensures that behavior analysts are licensed professionals providing services that are eligible for public and private insurance reimbursement.

I support HB 471. Please don't let the regulation lapse.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of this measure.

Juliana Romero
HABA
Student Representative, 2021

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Submitted on: 2/23/2021 12:15:48 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Amanda Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Amanda Kelly and I writing today in SUPPORT OF HB471, which seeks to make permanent the licensure for behavior analysts. As noted in the auditor's report (12/2020) hundreds of behavior analysts have been licensed and thousands of individuals have received access to ABA services since the passage of this law in 2015.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this measure and thank you for your dedication to our consumers and the profession of behavior analysis.

Mahalo,

Amanda N Kelly, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA

Behavior Analyst License #1

Hawaii Teacher License #53517

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Submitted on: 2/23/2021 7:34:17 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexandra Sagastume	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

I would like to offer testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 471 relating to Behavior Analysts.

I am a practicing assistant behavior analyst and behavior analysis student. This licensure law is important to me as a current professional in the field and future behavior analyst because the licensure helps ensure the ethical practice of our science as we provide services to those with special needs. I have witnessed and am currently undergoing the intensive and extensive in-field training and coursework that the board requires of us in order to be credentialed as behavior analysts. All those who practice behavior analysis should undergo the same rigorous preparation and examination that the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) requires of all of us. Those who we service deserve the most ethical and informed application of Behavior Analysis in all environments in which services are provided, including public schools.

The continued licensure of behavioral analysts provides much needed access to services for keiki and other Hawaii residents. Since the enactment of the licensure law and autism insurance coverage law in 2015, over 480 behavior analysts and 1400 registered behavior technicians have been licensed or credentialed in the State. Thousands of individuals have received access to applied behavior analysis services. Regulation of behavior analysts is needed to ensure demand for services continues to be met, and to maintain the quality of services. Continued regulation ensures that behavior analysts are licensed professionals providing services that are eligible for public and private insurance reimbursement.

I support HB 471. Please do not let the regulation lapse.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of this measure.

Alexandra Sagastume, BA, BCaBA

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 12:00:39 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roxanne Bristol	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

I would like to offer testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 471 relating to Behavior Analysts.

I am a parent and behavior analyst. I have been providing behavior analytic services to individuals with severe challenging behavior and intellectual disabilities since 2012. I have seen firsthand the impact of the science of applied behavior analysis (ABA) and how it has successfully contributed to improving socially significant behaviors and the quality of life of the families and individuals we serve. I have also seen how we can use our science to be more effective as educators and mentors to help shape and build capacity in our state for the incredible community here in Hawaii who deserve high quality behavior analytic services. I firmly believe that ABA can support all individuals of varying abilities and we have a tremendous community of practitioners who are passionate and understand the unique cultural considerations of practicing in our state.

The mere rate of growth for practitioners in our field is proof of the growing needs of our state and the field of behavior analysis. Making our licensure law permanent would tremendously impact our community in a positive way. Since the enactment of the licensure law and autism insurance coverage law in 2015, over 480 behavior analysts and 1400 registered behavior technicians have been licensed or credentialed in the State. Furthermore, thousands of individuals have received access to applied behavior analysis services. The regulation of behavior analysts is needed to ensure demand for services continues to be met, and to maintain the quality of services.

I support HB 471. Please don't let the regulation lapse.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of this measure.

Best,

Roxanne Bristol

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB471 relating to the practice of behavior analysis.

I want to offer testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 471 relating to Behavior Analysts.

I am a behavior analyst, parent, and concerned member of the community. I support this bill to ensure the regulation of the practice of behavior analysis continues. Since the enactment of the behavior analyst licensure law (Act 199) and autism insurance law (Act 235) in 2015, over 480 behavior analysts have been licensed and over 1500 registered behavior technicians have been credentialed under their supervision in the State. As a result, several thousand keiki and other individuals have received access to applied behavior analysis services. These numbers are continuing to grow to meet the ongoing demand for applied behavior analysis services in the State.

The practice of behavior analysis should continue to be regulated in order to protect consumers from unqualified practitioners, unprofessional conduct, and to ensure high quality services for those who need them. In December 2020, the Auditor released Report No. 20-20: "Sunset Evaluation: Regulation of Behavior Analysts," which supported the continued regulation of the applied behavior analysis profession. The Report specifically found that:

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2. Regulation assures that behavior analysts are licensed professionals providing services that are eligible for insurance reimbursement; and
3. Licensing of behavior analysts does not unreasonably restrict entry into the practice of applied behavior analysis in Hawaii and licensing fees cover the cost to administer the program.

I strongly support HB 471, HD1, and requests a clean date to ensure the regulation does not lapse on 06/30/2021.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Machos". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kyle Machos MS., BCBA, LBA

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 7:01:10 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erin Walters	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

I would like to offer testimony in strong support of House Bill 471 relating to Behavior Analysts.

The continued licensure of behavioral analysts provides much needed access to services for keiki and other Hawaii residents.

Since the enactment of the licensure law and autism insurance coverage law in 2015, over 480 behavior analysts and 1400 registered behavior technicians have been licensed or credentialed in the State. Thousands of individuals have received access to applied behavior analysis services.

Regulation of behavior analysts is needed to ensure demand for services continues to be met, and to maintain the quality of services.

Continued regulation ensures that behavior analysts are licensed professionals providing services that are eligible for public and private insurance reimbursement.

I support HB 471. Please don't let the regulation lapse.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cheryl Ebisui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the continued regulation of the practice of behavior analysis and removal of the sunset for this law.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 8:12:35 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marija Colic	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

I would like to offer testimony in strong support of House Bill 471 relating to Behavior Analysts.

I am a licensed behavior analyst in state of Hawai'i and I support the bill as I believe that licensure is important for securing quality services and help individuals who receive ABA in improving their quality of life. Further, number of behavior analyst and registered behavior technicians increased significantly since 2015. Thousands of individuals have received access to applied behavior analysis services. Moreover, continued regulation ensures that behavior analysts are licensed professionals providing services that are eligible for public and private insurance reimbursement.

I support HB 471. Please don't let the regulation lapse.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of this measure.

Marija

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 8:59:13 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anastasia Keller-Collins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

- I support making the regulation of behavior analysis permanent.
- I support removing the sunset to continue licensing behavior analysts.
- I support this bill and the licensure of behavior analysts.
- I support SB611 SD1 for the continued regulation of behavior analysis.

Thank you very much!

Anastasia Keller-Collins

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill and the licensure of behavior analysts.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 9:07:19 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marchet Fullum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB611 SD1 for the continued regulation of behavior analysis.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 9:11:12 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eliza Lipp	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support making the regulation of behavior analysis permanent. I strongly support this bill and the licensure of behavior analysts.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 9:33:13 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Krekel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

I would like to offer testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 471 relating to Behavior Analysts.

This bill is important to me because I am a parent of a child with a disability, behavior analyst, and a community stakeholder who is passionate about ensuring that applied behavior analysis services for some of our most vulnerable keiki remain protected. I have worked in the field of education, mental health and behavior analysis for over a decade. Over the years I have seen first hand how high quality applied behavior analysis services delivered by licensed and appropriately trained professionals have helped change the quality of life for hundreds of individuals and their families, including my own.

The continued regulation and licensure of behavior analysts would ensure consumer protection and provide much needed access to services for Hawai'i's children and families. This regulation is needed in order to maintain quality services and to ensure the demand for applied behavior analysis is met.

I support HB 471. Please don't let the regulation lapse.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this measure.

Sincerely,

Deborah Krekel

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Submitted on: 2/24/2021 9:45:33 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Torres	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support making the regulation of behavior analysis permanent.

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Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Allison Schurtz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support making the regulation of behavior analysis permanent.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Burdt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the continued regulation of behavior analysis.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Hogan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

I would like to offer testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 471 relating to Behavior Analysts.

I am a behavior analyst and have been practicing in the State of Hawaii for over 5 years. This licensure law is important to me because the continued licensure of behavior analysts provides much needed access to services for keiki and other Hawaii residents. Since the enactment of the licensure law and autism insurance coverage law in 2015, over 480 behavior analysts and 1400 registered behavior technicians have been licensed or credentialed in the State. Thousands of individuals have received access to applied behavior analysis services. This program is also important for the protection of those individuals by ensuring that the services they are being provided are done by qualified professionals who have demonstrated competency in behavior analysis.

I support HB 471. Please don't let the regulation lapse.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of this measure.

Ashley Hogan MA., BCBA, LBA

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chelsea Gornichec	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

- I support making the regulation of behavior analysis permanent.
- I support removing the sunset to continue licensing behavior analysts.
- I support this bill and the licensure of behavior analysts.
- I support SB611 SD1 for the continued regulation of behavior analysis.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
FRED K YUEN	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

I would like to offer testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 471 relating to Behavior Analysts.

I am a behavior analyst. This licensure law is important to me. I have serviced this population for over 20 years and have first handedly underachieved programs and programs that caused damage and safety concerns. This is due to the misguided use of ABA technologies. We have supervised and trained so many behavior technicians and analysts since the passing of the initial ABA law and continue to due so. The field has increased and services has improved significantly. Allowing others of non-licensed status practice ABA will have at the least a diluted effect and at the worst a dangers affect on our children. It isn't easy being a behavior analyst and the position is not for anyone. It takes a lot of knowledge and experience. Licensure keeps our providers in check and keeps the interventions safe. Please consider to keep our standards high.

I support HB 471. Please don't let the regulation lapse.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Ho'ohuli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members,

I would like to offer testimony in **strong support of House Bill 471** relating to Behavior Analysts.

As a registered behavior technician and student of applied behavior analysis, the regulation of the licensure of behavior analysts is important to me because it ensures the demand for services continues to be met and that the quality of services being provided is maintained.

I support HB 471.

Mahalo,

Deborah Ho'ohuli

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gina Gillstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members,

I am in **strong support of House Bill 471** relating to Behavior Analysts.

I am a registered behavior technician and the regulation of the licensure of behavior analysts is important to me because it means that qualified licensed professionals will be able to continue providing high quality and ethical services to keiki and other individuals who qualify for public and private insurance reimbursement.

I support HB 471.

Mahalo,

Gina Gillstrom

HB-471-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristen Kagoshima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Committee Members,

I fully support House Bill 471 relating to behavior analysts.

As a registered behavior technician, the regulation of the licensure of behavior analysts is important to me because it ensures that the keiki and other individuals who are eligible to receive services will continue to receive high quality and ethical services provided by licensed behavior analysts.

I support HB 471.

Mahalo,

Kristen Kagoshima