

## **Testimony of the Board of Nursing**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Friday, March 1, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 513, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SHERI SHIELDS-HANSON,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alexander Pang, and I am an Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing (Board). The Board supports the appointment of Sheri Shields-Hanson to the Board.

Ms. Shields-Hanson is a Kauai-based nurse educator. She served as a full-time professor at Santa Barbara City College in California for nearly twenty-five (25) years, as well as Department Chair and Director of the school's Associate Degree in Nursing Program for over five (5) years.

Since 2017, Ms. Shields-Hanson has taught as a nurse educator for Assessment Technologies Institute, providing intensive National Council Licensure (NCLEX) exam preparation in all exam areas and specialties for NCLEX candidates. She possesses active registered nurse licenses in Hawaii and California.

Ms. Shields-Hanson brings an important and unique perspective to the Board. She assists the members in making informed decisions, particularly concerning nursing education, programs, and requirements. Since her interim appointment to the Board in August 2023, Ms. Shields-Hanson has attended 4 out of 6 meetings. Her knowledge and experience as a nurse educator make her a strong choice for reappointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Sheryl K. Shields-Hanson to the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing. As a colleague of Sheryl's in the Kaua'i Community College Nursing Program, I have had the opportunity to witness her commitment to the nursing profession and its future, upholding and perpetuating the ethics and standards paramount to the nursing profession through education.

As a first-time appointed member of the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing, Sheryl is representing the needs of our Kaua'i community. As a nursing faculty member and clinical instructor, Sheryl has developed relationships with numerous facilities on Kaua'i enabling her to understand the healthcare needs on Kaua'i from a diverse range of perspectives. Additionally, she works diligently to provide updates and explanations to Kaua'i Nursing leaders and educators, ensuring our understanding and fielding input into this important entity of our profession.

I believe that Sheryl K. Shields-Hanson has been an outstanding Hawai'i State Board of Nursing representative for the Kaua'i community and support her in this role. I am appreciative of the hard work and commitment she demonstrates for the nurses of Kaua'i and the nursing students of Kaua'i Community College.

Mahalo for your consideration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katherine Plyler', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Katherine Plyler, RN, MSN