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**Testimony COMMENTING on SCR23
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO AMEND THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE
RULES TO AUTHORIZE LICENSED DIETITIANS TO PRESCRIBE MODIFIED
DIETS AND PLAN THERAPEUTIC DIETS.**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Friday, March 15, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Room 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA) provides the following
3 comments.

4 The intent of this concurrent resolution is to request flexibility to dietitians who practice
5 in a hospital setting to assist physicians with diet assessment, order, and monitoring. This
6 measure recommends amendments to Title 11, Chapter 83, Hawaii Administrative Rules,
7 regarding dietitian licensure from “qualified dietitian” to “licensed dietitian,” essentially making
8 licensure mandatory for dietitians who practice dietetics in hospitals in the State of Hawaii.

9 The Department understands the additional flexibility that this recommendation may
10 provide to dietitians in the hospital setting. Since almost all hospitals require their dietitians to
11 be licensed for insurance billing purposes, there should not be a significant influx of dietitian
12 license applications, and the extra burden on DOH is likely to be minimal. There are currently
13 two hundred and forty six (246) licensed registered dietitians in the State of Hawaii. Licensure,
14 at the moment, is required by some facilities in their policies, or could be required by insurance
15 companies for billing.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

Support! Aloha!

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