

Testimony of the State Board of Nursing

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 10, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 564, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, REBECCA MOORE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alexander Pang and I am an Executive Officer of the State Board of Nursing (“Board”). The Board supports the appointment of Rebecca Moore to the Board.

Ms. Moore is a Hilo-based registered nurse with over ten (10) years of experience providing nursing care to the Hawaii Island community. She currently serves as the Magnet Program Director at Hilo Medical Center, a leadership role responsible for developing models of nursing care and professional practice to guide Hilo Medical Center towards Magnet recognition, a distinction awarded to best-in-class nursing organizations worldwide. She also delivered nursing care as a Stroke/STEMI Coordinator and registered nurse at Hilo Medical Center, where she has worked since 2012. Ms. Moore is a recipient of the DAISY Award and sat on the board of the Hawaii Stroke Coalition from 2021 to 2024.

As a registered nurse actively serving the Hilo community, Ms. Moore provides a valuable perspective as to the ongoing practice of nursing on Hawaii Island. Her considerable nursing experience makes her a strong choice for appointment to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this Governor’s Message.

To the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am writing to express my full support for the nomination of Rebecca Moore to the Board of Nursing. I have had the distinct privilege of working alongside Rebecca for over 10 years and have had the opportunity to witness her exceptional contributions to the field of nursing. Rebecca is a dedicated and highly competent professional who exemplifies the core values essential to nursing practice and patient care.

In her current role as the Head of Magnet Program at Hilo Benioff Medical Center, Rebecca has consistently demonstrated outstanding organizational skills, strategic leadership, and an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of excellence in nursing practice. Previously, as the Stroke Coordinator, she displayed a deep commitment to patient care and the Hilo community by ensuring that the highest standards of quality and timeliness were met at all times. Her leadership and dedication have positively impacted both the institution and the nursing community at large.

Rebecca is incredibly passionate about her work and has an innate ability to inspire and motivate others. Her tireless efforts to stay ahead of industry best practices, her continuous professional development, and her relentless focus on improving patient outcomes make her an asset to the profession. Her dedication to nursing is evident in every aspect of her work, and she has consistently shown that she is committed to providing the highest level of care.

Beyond her professional expertise, Rebecca is compassionate, fair, and highly respected by her colleagues. She approaches each situation with careful thought and consideration, always ensuring that her decisions are made with the best interest of both patients and staff in mind. Her ability to remain calm under pressure, coupled with her sound decision-making, has earned her the respect and trust of everyone she works with.

As a nominee for the Board of Nursing, Rebecca brings invaluable experience, knowledge, and a deep passion for the field. Her leadership, commitment to excellence, and compassionate approach to nursing will undoubtedly be a tremendous asset to the Board, helping to further strengthen and elevate the nursing community.

I wholeheartedly endorse Rebecca Moore for this important position and am confident that she will make meaningful contributions to the Board of Nursing, ensuring continued advancement in nursing practice and patient care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelly Okada".

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April 2, 2025

RE: State Board of Nursing - GM 564 Rebecca Moore

To Whom it May Concern,

I have known Rebecca Moore for over a decade as a Registered Professional Nurse. Over the last decade, I have seen her provide exceptional care to each and every patient that she meets. As a nurse on the Progressive Care Unit, she not only cared for telemetry and step-down patients with excellence, but mentored and precepted new nurses and showed outstanding leadership as a charge nurse.

When Rebecca transitioned to the becoming the Stroke and STEMI Coordinator for Hilo Benioff Medical Center, she showed innovation, perseverance, and drive as she built the program from the ground up. She not only created protocols, procedures, and education, but came alongside leadership, administration, physicians, nurses, and aides to overcome every hurdle. With her leadership, the organization was able to achieve both a Primary Stroke Center and Primary Heart Attack Center recognition from the Joint Commission. She is committed to our community, and has provided countless hours of education to our beloved Big Island.

As the Magnet Program Director, Rebecca continues to champion positive change and effective leadership as she works toward ensuring high-quality, patient centered care with engaged and satisfied nurses. Rebecca demonstrates professionalism and a deep understand and love for nursing. She cares for patients, staff, and our community deeply, and is driven to make a difference in this world. I am honored to work alongside her, and would highly recommend her as a member for the State Board of Nursing.

Sincerely,



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Submitted on: 4/4/2025 3:21:44 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arthur Sampaga	Testifying for Hilo Benioff Medical Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am honored to offer my strong and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Ms Rebecca Moore to the State Board of Nursing. As a colleague and professional in the field of nursing, I have had the privilege of working closely with Rebecca for 12 years and have witnessed firsthand her exceptional dedication, leadership, and commitment to the nursing profession and the community she serves.

Throughout her career, Ms Moore has consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of the complexities of nursing practice, both from a clinical and administrative perspective. Her ability to collaborate with interdisciplinary teams, ensure patient-centered care, and advocate for nursing excellence makes them an invaluable asset to our profession.

Rebecca has not only excelled in direct patient care, but has also been a proactive advocate for improving nursing standards and advancing the profession. She has continually sought out opportunities for professional development, both for herself and her colleagues, and has actively participated in initiatives aimed at improving healthcare delivery and patient outcomes.

I respectfully urge you to support Ms Rebecca Moore appointment to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2025 9:15:34 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erica Reed	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Nurses need basic and advanced clinical skills on domestic violence and sexual assault, and board members have a responsibility for overseeing their education.

Do nursing schools offer clinical classes on domestic violence and sexual assault? How many semester hours does the board require for an initial license? How many continuing education hours are required for a renewal? Are there quality continuing education courses, such as the one facilitated by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Ellen Kennedy "Identifying and Providing Care for Victims of Strangulation" (SCCADVASA)? If nurses are not properly screening for strangling, then how will women have sufficient evidence for court?

My last two nurse practitioners did not screen for domestic violence and my ultrasound technician didn't know that there is an increased risk during pregnancy. There were not even any pamphlets with book titles (e.g. *When Love Hurts* or *Why Does He Do That?*) or agencies in the hospital's private waiting room for mammograms and ultrasounds.

If appointed, will Ms. Moore take steps to ensure comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault education for nurses?

Sincerely,

Erica Reed

Concerned Citizen & Advocate