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CONSUMER PROTECTION &
COMMERCE
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In SUPPORT of HOUSE BILL NO. 1847 HD1
Relating to the Practice of Nursing

TO: THE HONORABLE ROBERT N. HERKES, CHAIR,
THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

My name is Amy Stone Murai and I testify in strong support of HB 1847 HD1. I have been a registered nurse for 35 years, an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) for 33 years, and have been licensed in the State of Hawaii since 1989. I am a member of the Board of Nursing (Board), but provide this testimony as an individual.

The purpose of HB 1847 is multifold:

- To augment and update the meager definitions for the practice of nursing at the LPN, RN, and APRN levels that exist in the current Statute;
- To align Hawaii's LPN, RN, and APRN Scopes of Practice with models adopted by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and approved by representatives of state and territorial boards of nursing at its annual meeting;
- To align with and facilitate the implementation of Act 169 related to APRN practice that was signed into law in 2009;
- To provide the public, who are employers and consumers of nursing services, with greater clarity on the roles and responsibilities of nurses in our state; and
- To establish uniformity and facilitate implementation of interstate licensure of nurses should the Board determine that to do so would be in the best interest of the citizens of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1847 HD1, relating to the practice of nursing. I thank the committee for their consideration and regret that I am not able to be there in person to respond to any questions.

Amy Stone Murai, RN, MS, APRN, WHNP-BC

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Aloha Legislators,

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 1847, the bill that removes the Collegial Relationship between the APRN-RX and MDs. Passing HB 1847 removes a complicated antiquated system that hampers practice and service to people in need of comprehensive psychiatric and addictions care. I have provided medication management (prescriptions) and therapy to hundreds of the Big Island's SMI population, so I fully understand the implications of supporting HB 1847. I and my patients, all of whom have registered to vote, SUPPORT HB 1847.

Thanking you in advance.

O au me ka ha'a ha'a (I am humbly yours), Elizabeth Bush, MSN, APRN, CARN-AP, CSAC Board Certified Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurse (NP and CNS) Certified Addiction Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Certified Substance Abuse Counselor

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

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