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**Senate Committee on Health and the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**

SB 1124, Relating to the Dietitian Licensure Special Fund

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

February 1, 2013

1 **Department's Position:** Strong Support.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Decreases General Fund dependency.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill is part of the Governor's Administrative Package. SB 1124 is a
4 housekeeping bill that establishes expenditure limits necessary for the department to expend these funds
5 to offset operational costs; current statute does not adequately identify expenditure limits.

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7 The Dietitian Licensure Special Fund is an existing fund into which fees for profession licensing are
8 deposited. The State's dietitian licensure program was implemented by the department in August 2012
9 and issued licenses to 12 dietitians as of November 30, 2012, with more applications in process.

10 Licensure fees totaling approximately \$3,000 have been collected and deposited into the Special Fund.

11 Once this bill becomes law, the department will be able to expend moneys in support of the licensure
12 program.

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14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Senator Josh Green, MD: Committee on Health, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker: Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, Chair
Measure: SB 1124 – Relating to the Dietitian Licensure Special Fund
Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection
Date: Friday, February 1, 2013
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Green and Senator Baker,

I am Ann Ditzler, President of the Hawaii Dietetic Association which represents approximately 300 members throughout the state of Hawai'i, Guam and Saipan. The Hawai'i Dietetic Association is in strong support of SB1124 which authorizes the Department of Health to expend fees from the Dietitian Licensure Special Fund to offset the expenses incurred relating to the licensing of dietitians

As an association of food and nutrition professionals, we believe it is important that our Hawai'i community have access to important nutrition services to ensure the health and safety of our residents. Dietitian licensure has made it possible for the Hawai'i health consumer to identify and distinguish qualified licensed nutrition professionals. The Hawai'i Dietetic Association wishes to recognize the Hawai'i State Department of Health for implementing and administering the Hawai'i dietitian licensure program. The dietitian special fund allows for continued administration and continuing education to ensure the highest level of nutrition services are provided to the people of Hawai'i.

For these reasons, the Hawaii Dietetic Association respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this bill and its passage in an effort to facilitate licensing of dietitians.

Respectfully Yours,

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Dear Senator Green and Senator Baker,

My name is Sally Belles. I am a member, current President-Elect and former Public Policy Coordinator of the Hawaii Dietetic Association. I am one of over 300 members throughout the state of Hawai'i. Today, I am writing in support of SB1124 which authorizes the Department of Health to expend fees from the Dietitian Licensure Special Fund to offset the expenses incurred relating to the licensing of dietitians.

As a clinical nutrition professional, I work to provide the highest quality and level of nutrition service to my patients and clients. The ability of the Hawai'i public to identify qualified licensed nutrition professionals is of critical importance in this age of digital media where nutrition misinformation is widespread. I believe our Hawai'i community deserves access to important nutrition services which ensure their health and safety.

In closing, I wish to thank the Hawai'i State Department of Health for implementing and administering the Hawai'i dietitian licensure program and humbly request your favorable consideration of this bill and its passage in an effort to facilitate licensing of dietitians.

Respectfully Yours,

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