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From: Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., D.C., F.I.C.C.  
District VII Governor,  
American Chiropractic Association  
President,  
Hawaii State Chiropractic Association

Date: Thursday, February 05, 2015  
Time: 9:00 am  
Place: Conference Room 229

Subject: **Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1217 "Relating to Insurance"**

My name is Dr. Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., and I am a Doctor of Chiropractic in Hawaii, practicing Waipahu, on Oahu for the past 37 years. I currently hold the elected office as the District 7 Governor on the Board of Governors of the American Chiropractic Association. Nationally, I represent the local **Hawaii** Doctors of Chiropractic and also all the Doctors of Chiropractic in California, Nevada, Guam, American Samoa and the Mariana Islands. Additionally, In the State of Hawaii, I hold the elected office of President of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association.

The American Chiropractic Association is the largest Chiropractic professional representative organization in the world. The Hawaii State Chiropractic is the only state wide representative organization for the Chiropractic profession in Hawaii. I give this as testimony to voice strong support to the intent of **SB 1217**.

The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act was signed into law by President Obama in 2010, thus forever changing the business of health care insurance coverage and its availability to the public at large. As part of the law's many provisions, a very important section established in section 2706 (a) of the Public Health Service Act language that prohibits discrimination in insurance plans, health care policy, etc. against health care providers that are performing services that they are licensed in that state to perform.

The language of **SB 1217** brings Hawaii health care law and policy into alignment with federal statutes and policy. The net effect is to allow the health care consuming public in Hawaii to better choose and direct which providers and the type of health care they desire to provide the services they require.

Please pass **SB 1217** from your committee for the benefit of all Hawaii health care consumers.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2015

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| Submitted By       | Organization                                | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Dr. Lenora Lorenzo | American Association of Nurse Practitioners | Support            | No                 |

Comments: Aloha, As an APRN–Nurse Practitioner I speak in strong support of SB1217. This bill is also of high priority for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and APRN in Hawai'i. The alignment of state laws for this federal law which currently is not being enforced will help level the insurance landscape for APRN's and other providers to increase health care access for our ohana and kapuna. o HI SB 1217 Institutes ACA Section 2706 Provider Non-Discrimination language in to state law. (Prevents insurers from discriminating against a health care provider on the basis of licensure type.) Mahalo for the opportunity to speak in strong support of this measure that will work to increase access to safe, high quality health care to all in Hawai'i. Lenora Lorenzo DNP, APRN-NP

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