

# SB2672

Measure Title:	RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.
Report Title:	Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
Description:	Amends various statutes to clarify the role of advanced practice registered nurses with regards to their authority and participation in the health care system. Amends definitions in the statutes to conform with the duties and responsibilities of advanced practice registered nurses.
Companion:	<a href="#">HB1755</a>
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH
Introducer(s):	BAKER, English, Espero, Gabbard, Kidani, Nishihara, Ruderman, Taniguchi, Tokuda

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2016

Thursday, February 18, 2016  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2672, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE  
REGISTERED NURSES.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2672, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, that amends various statutes to clarify the role of advanced practice registered nurses ("APRNs") with regards to their authority and participation in the health care system. The measure also amends definitions in the statutes to conform with the duties and responsibilities of APRNs.

The Board strongly supports this bill. In the past the Legislature has recognized the importance of the APRN's practice and the vital role they play in the increased access to primary care for residents of this State. Since legislation in 1994 that established the requirements for APRN licensure in Hawaii, their scope of practice has evolved and advanced faster than we can keep up with the changes in the statutes and administrative rules. That could explain why there are still some state laws and/or administrative rules that fail to recognize the APRN as a primary care provider.

It is imperative that we remove barriers to the APRN's practice. APRNs are able to provide safe and effective care within the scope of their training and education. It has also been suggested by the Federal Trade Commission that APRNs may help to alleviate shortages in health care access if undue regulatory burdens are reduced.

APRNs should be allowed to practice to their fullest capabilities without any restrictions making health care more accessible for the residents of this State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2672.



**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
February 18, 2016 9:30 AM.  
by  
Laura Reichhardt, NP-C, APRN, Director  
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

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The HSCN respectfully requests that SB2672 pass unamended. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill.

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**February 18, 2016 at 9:30am**  
**Conference Room 229**

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

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone  
Chief Nurse Executive, Hawaii Pacific Health  
Chief Executive Officer, Pali Momi Medical Center and Straub Clinic & Hospital

**Re: Testimony in Support – SB 2672**

My name is Art Gladstone and I am the Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH), and the Chief Executive Officer of Pali Momi Medical Center and Straub Clinic and Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer. Hawai'i Pacific Health is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

HPH is writing in **support** of SB 2672 which amends various statutes to clarify the role of advanced practice registered nurses with regards to their authority and participation in the health care system. Prior legislation has recognized appropriately trained advanced practice registered nurses as primary care providers to provide improved access to health care services, expedite processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for patients, especially in rural and underserved areas. SB 2672 would enable advanced practice registered nurses to provide quality health care and meet the needs of patients to the full extent of their education and training.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## **Prime Care Services Hawaii, Incorporated**

**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
February 18, 2016 9:30 AM.**

*Medicare- certified home health agency*

**by  
Beth Hoban, RN MAOM  
President, Prime Care Services Hawaii**

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I, Beth Hoban, respectfully requests that SB2672 pass unamended. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill.

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**Wednesday — February 18, 2016 — 9:30am**  
**Conference Room 229**

**The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Re: **Testimony in Support**  
**SB 2672 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradley Kuo	Bradley Kuo, LLC	Support	No

Comments: Written Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health February 18, 2016 9:30 AM. by Bradley Kuo, M.Ed, MSN, FNP-BC, APRN Bradley Kuo, LLC SB2672 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for SB2672 Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. In 2009, the Legislature in its great wisdom, introduced Act 169, which clarified the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) by requiring insurers, mutual and fraternal benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to recognize APRNs as primary care providers and granting global signature authority and prescriptive rights. By passing Act 169, SLH 2009, Hawai'i became one of the leading states in the nation to recognize the impact APRNs with full scope of practice authority may have on improving access to safe, quality health care for its people. In 2014, the Legislature introduced Act 45, which recognized that there existed some outdated or obsolete statutes that needed to be amended to enable improved access to health care services, expedite the processing of paperwork, and provide optimal care at the initial point of access for Hawai'i patients, especially in rural and underserved areas. Research indicates that that improved laws relating to APRN practice result in lower health care costs, fewer hospital readmissions, and higher satisfaction among family members and may offset the projected physician shortages and provide economic benefits to the state. With the Hawai'i Revised Statutes changes proposed in SB2672, APRNs in Hawai'i will be better able to provide quality health care and meet the needs of their patients to the full extent of their education and training 1. Bradley Kuo, LLC respectfully requests that SB2672 pass unamended. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill. 1 The 2010 report proposed that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), if permitted to practice to the full extent of their education and training, could help build the workforce necessary to satisfy the health care needs of an increasing number of people with access to health insurance and contribute their unique skills to the delivery of patient-centered health care. (Institute of Medicine Five-Year Assessment of Progress on the of the Future of Nursing Report)



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Lenora Lorenzo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators Baker & Kidani, and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in Strong Support of SB2672 (APRN Barriers) - Our Nursing community have come together to craft and support the issues in this bill necessary to remove the barriers to practice still in place in our statutes despite the wisdom of the Legislature granting APRNs Full Practice Authority in 2011. As APRN's our primary concern is assuring our patients receive the safest high quality care they deserve. As a practicing primary care provider I voice concern that section 8 Part 1 was not amended to include inserting "Controlled" after over the counter drugs, and striking, "provided that an advanced practice registered nurse shall not request, receive, or sign for professional controlled substance samples." This language was written prior to APRNs being granted practice authority to prescribe controlled substances II-IV and, as such is now obsolete. The statute should accurately reflect the current authority of the APRN. In our work as APRN's serving Lanai, Haleiwa and even Ocean View, Hawaii Island, this omission to dispense appropriate medication for severe pain can be considered bad practice and not following evidence based national guidelines for acute pain control. Imagine your child or mother with severe pain from a dental abscess or bone fracture not being given the medication to control the pain and promote rest and healing! In our rural areas and neighbor islands, remote communities, do not have access to pharmacists or other facilities to manage their acute pain conditions. Therefore your thoughtful inclusion of this amendment means an APRN's patients can receive the same level of quality care as when they are treated by a physician or PA's in the same circumstance. Fortunately, APRN's are eager to serve the rural areas and remote populations, thus increasing access to care Please give this careful consideration as this is an important issue that will impact access to safe quality health care in our communities and for our ohana! Respectfully, Lenora Lorenzo DNP, APRN, FAANP, American Association of Nurse Practitioners Hawaii State Representative and HAPN Treasurer

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**by  
Dr. Linda Beechinor, APRN**

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The Hawai'i Revised Statutes changes proposed in SB2672, will enable APRNs in Hawai'i to participate more effectively in the provision of healthcare, to enable improved access to services, to expedite the process of processing paperwork, and to provide optimal care at the initial point of access for Hawaii patients, especially in rural and underserved areas.

I respectfully request that SB2672 pass unamended. Thank you for your continued support of nursing in Hawai'i and for the time and consideration of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Kawasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With looming primary care provider shortages it is imperative that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses be allowed to practice without barriers. Although not mentioned in this bill ARPNS if we are recognized as a participating primary care provider for insurance purposes we should not be subject to unionization.

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Stacy Kracher	Individual	Support	No

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**by  
Susan Lee BSN, RN, WCC**

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