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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 807 RELATING TO HEALTH By Nolan P. Espinda, Director Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Health Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Senator Will Espero, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

> Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 1:45 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 414

Chairs Green and Espero, Vice Chairs Wakai and Baker, and Members of the Committee:

Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 807 which proposes to establish the narcotics advisory committee to recommend acceptable topics and curricula for the continuing medical education program. SB 807 would establish requirements for a mandatory continuing medical education program for prescribing practitioners who prescribe narcotic drugs be incorporated into PSD's Narcotics Enforcement Division's on line controlled substance registration process.

The department would like to suggest the following amendment to SB 807 to read as follows:

On Page 2, Lines 14 through 19:

"(b) A prescribing practitioner shall earn four credits every two year cycle to maintain the prescribing practitioner's State controlled substance registration certificate; Senate Bill 807 February 11, 2015 Page 2

provided that the credit requirements shall be incorporated into the controlled substance registration certification process via the department's registration renewal website."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

## **SB807 RELATING TO HEALTH**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH: Senator Josh Green M.D., Chair; Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS: Senator Will Espero, Chair; Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair

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## **HSAC Supports SB807:**

Good Morning Chair Green; Chair Espero; Vice Chair Wakai; Vice Chair Baker; And Distinguished Committee Members. My name is Alan Johnson, Chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, an organization of more than thirty treatment and prevention agencies across the State.

The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition supports establishment of the narcotics advisory committee to recommend acceptable topics and curriculum for the continuing medical education program. Establishes requirements for a mandatory continuing medical education program for prescribing practitioners that prescribe narcotic drugs.

The Narcotic Policy Work Group met for almost a year to review the research and prepare the recommendations for this bill.

The Narcotic Policy Work Group, led by Dr. Miscovitch and Senator Green, is comprised of:

- Several physicians, including pain management specialists
- Chief Medical representatives from various hospitals,
- Representative from Public Safety: Narcotic's Division (NDEA),
- Representative from the Director of the Department of Health,
- Representative from Hawaii Medical Association,
- Representative from Hospice Hawaii.
- Representative from Substance Abuse Treatment,
- Representative from University of Hawaii JBSOM
- Judge Alm from Project HOPE,
- Representatives from pharmacists,
- Representatives from HMSA,
- Representative from Kaiser,
- Representatives from the Veterans Administration.

Working together, we can improve outcomes and reduce costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify and are available for questions.

## <u>SB807</u>

Submitted on: 2/9/2015 Testimony for HTH/PSM on Feb 11, 2015 13:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wailua Brandman	Hawaii Assoc. of Professional Nurses	Support	No

Comments: There needs to be an APRN on this committee.

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