### SB2496



January 31, 2018

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair Senate Committee on Human Services

Re: SB 2496 – Relating to Behavior Analysis

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Green, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2496, which would exempt from licensure requirements certain individuals who implement applied behavior analysis (ABA) services or plans.

HMSA appreciates the intent of this measure to increase access to ABA services in our state. At the request of legislators last year, HMSA started working with the psychologist community to create a pilot program to recognize and reimburse psychologists providing ABA services to our members. We are moving forward with the pilot, and hope to have feedback to Legislators and other stakeholders on the outcome of the program. As such, we have concerns on the language exempting psychologists from this are of licensure law.

We also have concerns with the addition of the term "caregiver" as it relates to delivering an ABA plan. Currently the term is undefined and could be broadly interpreted. Also we are unsure how the addition of psychologists as an exempted group would affect care for our members.

We do appreciate the intent of this measure and are open to working with the stakeholders. Thank you for allowing us to provide our comments on SB 2496.

Sincerely,

Pono Chong

Vice President, Government Relations



## Testimony on SB2496

# Easter Seals Hawaii supports SB2496, which seeks to amend portions of HRS 465-D.

Easter Seals Hawaii provides individualized, family-centered services to empower people with disabilities or special needs to achieve their goals and live independent, fulfilling lives. We have been serving special needs children, youth and adults for 72 years and provide more than 500,000 hours of direct service annually to individuals and families across the state. Our organization and many other service providers will be directly affected by SB2496.

We understand the very real concerns that underlie HRS 465-D, and we agree that the licensing of BCBAs is important and that they serve a very important role; however, it is our belief that the proposed statute is too broad, as written, and needs clarification. We also believe requiring that every individual providing Direct Services to individuals with BSPs be a certified RBT is currently unnecessary and unworkable in the real-world environment in which we operate.

Many of our Direct Support Workers would be challenged for lack of time or resources to obtain RBT certification, though they certainly possess the compassion, dedication and skills necessary to provide quality services to our clients. In many cases, their relationships are long-standing and crucial to our clients' well-being. Moreover, staff undergo rigorous training on a regular basis and are provided appropriate oversight to ensure proper care. Requiring these certifications under current circumstances would create a staffing and scheduling nightmare which could disrupt relationships that provide our participants with emotional stability.

Additionally, a very tight job market has made it extremely difficult to find people to fill these Direct Service roles. The reimbursement rate for services has meant that salaries have not been increased at the same rate as the other labor sectors, which has made it difficult to recruit new staff and increase salaries for existing staff. We know that requiring a certification to work with children at this time would actually decrease the number of staff available and have a very negative effect on services.

If it is not possible to exempt the population we serve, as stated in SB2496, from the requirements associated with HRS 465-D, we propose the following:

- A raise in reimbursement rates would be imperative to cover additional salary costs, if we are to provide necessary behavioral support plans successfully under even an amended statute.
- 2. Allow sufficient time for providers to develop appropriate implementation guidelines and to develop an adequate workforce, as will also be necessary to ensure success.

Thank you very much for allowing us to submit testimony on behalf of SB2496.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Brandvold

CEO, Easter Seals Hawaii

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As a behaviorally trained clinical psychologist who is NOT an expert in autism, I would not supervise or provide ABA treatment of youth with autism, since at this time I do not consider myself competent to do so. However, I am skilled at developing behavior plans for youth with other types of behavior disorders, and I am concerned that the current statute would prohibit me from supervising paraprofessionals, parents or other therapists in this practice. The proposed amendment would clarify psychologists' scope of practice as including the supervision of behavioral interventions and would prevent an unnecessary narrowing of the behavioral health workforce by allowing more variety in the acceptable training and certification requirements for paraprofessional workers and

their supervisors.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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I support Senate Bill 2496 with the amendment recommended by the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA).

I have a Ph.D. with a specialty in Autism and have been working with these kids and families for 20 years. I believe the amendment so that I may continue doing what I'm doing.

Mahalo,

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Testimony for CPH on 1/31/2018 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Ninci		Oppose	No

### Comments:

Individuals who qualify for I/DD Medicaid home and community-based waiver services have the right to effective behavioral treatment across natural environments (home, school, community). That is why I support a minimum and standardized credential for entry-level paraprofessional staff (Registered Behavior Technicians; RBT). RBTs have a minimum level and quality of training and oversight. Through my first experiences working with individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, I was an entrylevel paraprofessional staff member in a residential facility that aimed to treat individuals with behavior disorders, developmental disabilities, and intellectual disabilities. When I reflect on that experience, I wish all of our staff had clearer ongoing support and oversight by a behavior analyst. We were expected to provide general behavior supports, but as I was working with many young adults and kids with severe challenging behaviors, I found those supports needed to be much more individualized, preventative, explicit, and systematic. I also needed training and ongoing feedback. Had I been an RBT consulting under a behavior analyst, I believe I may have stuck with that job longer. The RBT credential ensures paraprofessionals are overseen by someone on an ongoing basis who explicitly has ABA in their scope of practice and is specifically trained (ongoing) in supervision practices in the field of behavior analysis. I oppose SB 2496 and I hope more collaboration and communication could take place in this area to resolve challenges.

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I oppose changing Chapter 465 D because this service is necessary for the success of each and every individual. What did the state learn the last time? The proposed legislation from the DOE will lead our state towards another "Felix Consent Decree".

By proposing the carve out now for DOH, my daughter Jenny Felix will continue to be denied the help she desperately needs as an adult. Help she has been denied for too long. Jenny needs your help. All the other Jennys need your help too. Do the right thing, Hawai'i.

I oppose changing Chapter 465-D, Behavior Analyst Licensure law. I stand in strong support of applied behavior analysis (ABA) by licensed behavior analysts (LBAs).

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As an LBA practicing in Hawaii, it is imperative that we continue to provide quality and skilled ABA resources to our individuals in need. With all due respect, if psychologists demonstrated ABA knowledge and skills needed in being effective in their assessment, planning, treatment, and monitoring of challenging behavior and developmental deficits, this law would not have been necessary - in keeping with our 49 other states and the international communities. Please do not set Hawaii back! The people of Hawaii need and deserve to have RBT, BCaBA, and BCBA support in order to make the best progress. I support applied behavior analysis (ABA) by licensed behavior analysts (LBAs). I stand in opposition of changing Chapter 465-D, Behavior Analyst Licensure law.

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Allowing children to receive evidence-based services, ABA by licensed providers, speaks volumes as to how we educate our keiki and how the community/state expects treatment for our special needs community.

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As a parent whose child has benefited from ABA and is now completely independent I oppose the changing of Chapter 465-D. Without having had professionals who were credentialed I know my child would not be as successful as he is today.

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We have lived in Hawai'i for a little over two years. In those two years, it has taken us over 20 months to finally get our son, who is autistic, an IEP. We finally got one put in place about two months ago. We were previously told that "as long as his grades are good, his lack of social skills is not our concern." We also had an incident with his first ABA company, they were providing services with uncredentialed direct support workers (DSW). This resulted in little to no progress made for our son and very poor services. The Behavior Analyst Licensure law needs to stay and be implemented. General Psychiatrists and Psychologists are not trained in autism, the way Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBAs) are. They do get training, but it is not as extensive as is required by the Behavior Analyst Licensure law. Our children deserve the best we can offer them, not the minimum that exists.

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My name is Stephanie Phelan, I am a practicing Licensed Behavior Analyst in Hawaii and I am writing with concern regarding proposed legislation to change Chapter 465-D, the Behavior Analyst Licensure law. These changes will decrease the effectiveness of behavior analytic service delivery, as a result of lack of quality control for those providing the services. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. If there is more information I can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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As a parent, educator and engaged citizen, I am concerned that changing the licensure law, Chapter 465-D, will harmfully affect the most vulnerable. We are a state who prides ourselves in our values, especially those related to our children and, families so this new effort does not align with our values or the needs of our community.

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I oppose changing the licensure law because residents of Hawaii deserve to be supported with the best practices available to them. From my first-hand experience, they will not receive this without legal support.

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Any opportunity to improve environments, communication and access to positive, inclusive experiences should not only be utilized, but celebrated. Removing qualifications for those who directly impact our families is in direct conflict with the philosophy and commitment of those who promise to aid our community.

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Mahalo, Naomi Tachera

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Mahalo, Jolie Kaae

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You know the law. Comply with it. Sure it's hard, but so is being a parent who isn't getting what their child DESERVES.

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We definitely need more parents with children on the spectrum in Congress! Only those parents truly understand the needs of the children with autism. Applied Behavior Analysis is a scientifically validated approach to understanding behavior and how it is affected by the environment and a known strategy to change/modify the behavior of children on the spectrum. I am opposed to changing the Chapter 465-D. Sincerely, A proactive and concern parent of a child with autism.

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Our keiki need these behavior analyst specialists, the law is there for a reason- with more keiki needing these specialized services everyday we can't afford this change.

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Why is Department so quick to want to carve themselves out of a law that was designed to protect our most vulnerable? The current position is upsetting, illegal, and unconscionable.

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I have seen some families with Autism forced to leave Hawaii due to lack of professional help (ABA). These children, including my child, have so much potential and are be able to academically strive with the help of ABA. Train the direct staffs with ABA under Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBA), have them obtain RBT credentials and the learning environment for both children with Autism and the providers would be so much better. Please take care of our most vulnerable.

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As a parent, we want our children to get the services they are entitled and depend upon. There are many challenges that they face and having a child with Autism- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) has become a major key to our home and life. It is important that the provider is licensed. ABA has allowed my child to be able to function around peers, the community and in the home. It has helped with self-injury, tantrums and poor self-regulation. My child has so much grow and has been reaching his potential with the help of his Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA) and Registered Behavior Technician (RBT). Our children deserve the right to have ABA by licensed providers, no matter what age.

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I believe this would have a negative impact on the people of Hawai'i.

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I support licensed behavior analysts. It's the right thing to do. I oppose changing Chapter 465-D, Behavior Analyst Licensure law. I stand in strong support of applied behavior analysis (ABA) by licensed behavior analysts (LBAs).

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We need licensed providers. It's not rocket science, it's common sense. Why is the Hawaii DOH so quick to ask to be carved out from something that was created to protect consumers? Let's do the right thing Hawaii, for our community.

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The need is here and NOW, the funds are available!!! We want answers as to why so much wasted time at the expense of our keiki. What legitimate reasoning do the departments have refusing to follow federally mandated laws, designed to aid those in need!

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I am new to Hawai'i, but not new to quality services. As a provider, I know the value of licensed and appropriately credentialed staff. Let's do the right thing for our keiki.

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Don't allow the Department to take away something that was fought so long and hard for by LUKE, his family, and many others who have remained unnamed. Don't make lawsuits the only stick that can force compliance. I oppose changing Chapter 465-D, Behavior Analyst Licensure law.

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The Department needs to support the people of Hawaii. We want them to thrive and become active community member as adults.

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Each team member brings knowledge to the table and those in need deserve the right to have these specialists working together, including an LBA. We have no time to waste and the earlier we can help in all parts of their lives: home and within our communities --the better it can be for the individual, their families, and our state.

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Please don't get rid of ABA provided by behavior analysts. I oppose changing Chapter 465D, Behavior Analyst Licensure law. I stand in strong support of applied behavior analysis (ABA) by licensed behavior analysts (LBAs).

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If we are facing capacity issues as a state, let's come up with solutions for increasing the capacity of qualified providers in our state. The answer is simply not to carve individuals out from these protections. Prior to the behavior analyst licensure law, individuals in our state were receiving behavior support for intense and severe behaviors by a cadre of mixed "professionals". The intention of the ABA licensure law was to bring credibility to behavioral practices and to increase consumer protections in our state. Why would the legislature agree to reduce these protections for our most vulnerable? As a society, we must take care of each other. It's our kuleana.

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I strongly oppose this and believe all children need to be treated with equity - some children need more help than others - so do it right and give them that help in the right way with people that have the education and expertise to help them!!

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ABA is needed. My son has severe autism and is non-verbal. Imagine yourself or your child need something and its going to be taken away. How would you react and do when you fight for your child to have something and it's going to be gone. ABA – we need it.

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Special Ed in Hawaii is so far behind the rest of the country. They need better help! I oppose changing Chapter 465-D, Behavior Analyst Licensure law. I stand in strong support of applied behavior analysis (ABA) designed and developed by Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBAs).

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Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is one of the most powerful tools we have to address autism and other development and emotional challenges. Its adaptive nature ensures appropriateness for each case. What we do for our keiki now when they are young makes an exponential difference for them, their families, and their communities and Hawai'i in the future. I oppose changing Chapter 465-D, Behavior Analyst Licensure law. I stand in strong support of applied behavior analysis (ABA) designed and developed by Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBAs).

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I support our teachers and our Keiki! I oppose changing Chapter 465-D, Behavior Analyst Licensure law.

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Licensed Behavior Analysts can help individuals in need reach their fullest potential.

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First, thank you all so much for passing Act 199, to ensure the licensure of Behavior Analysts. I am writing today to lend my voice in STRONG opposition of SB2496 and HB2657. These bills would allow unlicensed and untrained individuals to provide behavior analytic services to consumers of both early intervention and waiver services. I have several concerns with the bill.

- 1. Behavior Analysis is a field, which requires a considerable amount of training. To become a Behavior Analyst, I needed to have a master's degree, additional coursework in behavior analysis, and 1500 supervised fieldwork hours where I was trained in the hands on applications of behavior analysis. This bill would allow people to provide "behavior analysis" without the level of training that is necessary to be competent.
- 2.Two years ago, the Department of Health approached the legislation to ask for an extension until 2019 to build capacity. We were under the impression that the department was making good faith efforts toward achieving this goal.
- 3.Many of the clients that are served by DOH are either very young keiki who are getting their first diagnosis and are in need of competent individuals to oversee their programming and service delivery, or older individuals who have severe behavioral needs which require the training and education level of someone who has specialized in behavior analysis.
- 4.The goal of Act 199 was increasing consumer protection. I believe that is a reasonable goal that should be upheld, regardless of the setting. DOH should NOT be exempt. I believe the DOH should be responsible for hiring qualified professionals that can change the quality of services delivered. An increase in quality will go a long way toward increasing skills for our keiki, leading to lower costs to our state in the future. Just as preventive medicine lowers costs to consumers in the long run, quality ABA will lower costs to our state in terms of the need for life-long services and care. Please, hold the DOH responsible for increasing quality, hiring qualified professionals (Board Certified Behavior Analysts and Registered Behavior Technicians), and providing services our keiki so desperately need. I urge you to oppose SB2496 and HB2657. These bills will do nothing but perpetuate harm for Hawaii's individuals with special needs. Thank you for your time and your desire to do what is right! Let's continue to work together as a state to Malama Our Keiki!

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Geri Pinnow Luke's mother

Aloha,

Say no to Luke. That is what the Department of education said to him as a preschooler and continued to say now as a senior. There are people who have the skills just waiting to help him access his education but DOE says NO! Is Luke not deserving and kids just like him? His Christmas card to me was I'll be brave Mom. Really? Is this a war where your son writes home and says he'll be brave? No mother of a 17 yr. Old high schooler in 2017 should get a Christmas card that says, "I'll be brave." But that is what Luke is trying to tell us. He's had to fight for access to his education. Can you imagine all the non-verbal keiki with autism and what they'd tell you? Imagine with me when we leave this world that these sweet angels will thank us for trying to help. Will you do the right thing? Kids can't wait year after year. We are having them experience year after year of cruelty. Why? The teachers are asking for help, they see the potential in the children, the parents and the community as a whole know the help exists, the children are literally crying for help, and the DOE says, "Will not!" Help exists, the choice is yours. Will you help our state and tell the DOE and DOH/DD to let help in NOW! Luke is 18 in March. We are 'falling off a cliff' and DOH/DD need to provide services to kids and young adults like Luke. It makes a huge difference in the outcome of their lives and all of ours.

MAHALO, Geri Pinnow From: <a href="mailto:hwtanner@gmail.com">hwtanner@gmail.com</a>
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Rosalyn H. Baker

Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Dear Senator Baker:

Testimony SUPPORTING SB2496 RELATING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS And recommending amendments

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I support Senate Bill 2496 with the amendment recommended by the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA). As a licensed psychologist, I am aware that my scope of practice, as defined in Hawaii state statute, includes the practice of "Behavior Analysis" and the supervision of assistants such as postdoctoral fellows, students and unlicensed master's level clinicians who I may use to supervise paraprofessionals, direct support workers, and family members in the implementation of a behavioral program. The proposed amendment would clarify psychologists' scope of practice as including the supervision of behavioral interventions and would prevent an unnecessary narrowing of the behavioral health workforce by allowing more variety in the acceptable training and certification requirements for paraprofessional workers and their supervisors.

Sincerely,

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