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Chair Keohokalole, Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair Angus McKelvey, and members of the Senate Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health and Human Services:

My name is Abigail Mortell, and I am a Policy Analyst with the National Center for Interstate Compacts at The Council of State Governments (CSG). Thank you for the opportunity to provide informational testimony on SB 3105, the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact (PA Compact). CSG facilitated the development of the PA Compact as part of a collaborative agreement with the American Academy of Physician Associates and the United States Department of War, formerly Department of Defense.

CSG provides policy support to states that introduce compact legislation, including reviewing legislation for compliance with the compact model language. We request certain changes be made to ensure the legislation adheres to the compact model language and enables Hawai'i's participation in the compact. CSG has provided the necessary changes to the bill sponsor and are happy to provide any necessary follow up.

Regarding its function, the PA Compact provides PAs with a voluntary and streamlined pathway to practice in other compact member states, and it is designed to improve access to services, allow for the use of telehealth, enhance the mobility of practitioners, support relocating military spouses, and improve continuity of care. PAs in compact member states can apply for an authorization to practice in other compact member states via the mutual recognition of their active, unencumbered state license.

The PA Compact currently has 21 member states, with legislation also being considered in 14 states. The compact commission is in the process of making the compact operational. Thank you for the opportunity to provide informational testimony. CSG is available to assist with any questions regarding the PA Compact and interstate compact policy.

Respectfully,

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