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To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: Ron Brandvold, President and CEO

Re: **Support for SB 40/SD 1: Relating to Licensing**

For over 60 years, Easter Seals Hawaii has provided exceptional, individualized, family-centered services to empower infants, children, youth and adults with disabilities or special needs to achieve their goals and live independent fulfilling lives. Easter Seals Hawaii is a statewide CARF accredited organization with 15 facilities from Waimea, Kauai to Hilo, Hawaii providing a variety of programs including Autism Services. These services include Applied Behavior Analysis /Verbal Behavior-Based Therapy, Speech/Language Pathology, Assessment, Training, Education and Consultation.

Easter Seals Hawaii supports the intent and licensing requirements for the practice of behavior analysis as set forth in **SB 40/SD 1** with one suggestion as outlined below.

SB 40/SD 1 follows the professional credentialing standards of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), a non-profit corporation whose mission is to protect consumers of behavior analysis services by establishing, promoting and disseminating professional standards. Such uniform standards as found in SD 40/SD1 meet the legal standards established through state, national, and case law, align with accepted standards for certification programs, and meet “best practices” and ethical standards of the behavior analysis profession.

SB 40/SD 1 licensing requirements also recognize the tiered service delivery model with a Behavior Analyst’s clinical, supervisory, and case management activities supported by other staff working within the scope of their training, practice, competence, and licensure, thus helping to ensure cost-effective treatment. Under SB 40/SD 1 only assistant behavior analysts and behavior analysts must seek licensure through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). Further, **SD 40/SD 1** provides for licensure by DCCA by endorsement for those holding a current license in another State thereby expediting the process.

Suggestion: **SB 40/SD 1** recognizes that direct implementation of applied behavior analysis services can be provided by behavior technicians (called direct contact technicians in the SB 40/SD 1) but does not require licensure of technicians. To assure adequate and appropriate clinical oversight of unlicensed technicians, ESH suggests that the definition of Applied Behavior Analysis direct contact technician be amended to “an individual who directly implements applied behavior analysis services under supervision of a licensed assistant behavior analyst and/or a licensed behavior analyst” (new language underlined).



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Comments:

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Comments: I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst living and working in the state of Hawaii. I am in support of SB40.

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Members of the Hawaii State Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

On behalf of Horizons Academy of Maui, Inc. and Board of Directors, I would like to take this moment to comment in support of licensure for behavior analysts in the State of Hawaii.

Our organization provides behavior analytic services to individuals with disabilities and does so under the leadership and guidance of board certified behavior analysts. Licensure is a step in the right direction to differentiate a trained clinical professional and the quality of their service.

Many other states in our union have adopted the measures such as these to protect consumers and support qualified professionals.

Please vote in favor of this bill.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beau Laughlin".

Beau Laughlin
Executive Director
Horizons Academy of Maui, Inc.