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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 – HB 1756, HD3

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 HB 1756, HD3 which establishes criminal history records checks for all nurse licensure, including license renewals. In 2010, the Legislature enacted Act 057 which defined the practice of nursing and directed the state board of nursing to adopt certain provisions of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Model Nursing Practice Act which provides uniform national guidelines relating to nursing practice in all state boards across the United States and its territories. The bill would continue to hold nurses in Hawaii to the national standards established by the NCSBN.

Furthermore, it is in the interest of the nursing workforce to ensure safe and quality nursing services to patients. Establishing criminal background checks is one means of enhancing public safety in Hawaii. While the American Nurses Association and the Council of State Governments support the use of criminal background checks as part of the licensing process for nurses, Hawaii is one of the few remaining states in the nation that has yet to adopt this requirement. We, therefore, urge this committee to pass this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Wednesday — April 23, 2016 — 9:15am
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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

Re: Testimony in Support
HB 1756 HD3 Relating to Nursing

From: Kate Woodard, RN, MPH
Secretary, AONE Hawai'i Board

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 HB 1756 HD3 Relating to Nursing, with amendments.

This letter is written in support of HB 1756 HD3 which requires all nurse licensure applicants and nurse license renewal applicants to comply with state and federal criminal history record checks, and authorizes the Board of Nursing to develop and adopt rules to implement required criminal history record checks.

In 2010, the Legislature in its wisdom, introduced Act 057, which was enacted into law as HRS 457- 2.5. This statute defined the practice of nursing and directed the state board of nursing to adopt certain provisions of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Model Nursing Practice Act which provides uniform national guidelines relating to nursing practice for all state boards of nursing across the United States and territories. AONE Hawai'i supports HB 1756 HD1 in the interest of continuing to hold nurses in Hawai'i to the national standards established by the NCSBN and its delegates. AONE Hawai'i supports HB 1756 HD3 because:

- Hawai'i leads in ensuring optimal regulation for nursing yet Hawai'i is one of the last 12 states to adopt state and federal criminal background check verification for all nurse licenses.

- It is in the interest of the nursing workforce to ensure safe and quality nursing services to patients, which include sick, disabled, elderly, and other vulnerable populations across the continuum of healthcare and in all regions of our State.
- Establishing criminal background checks is one means of enhancing public safety in Hawai'i by increasing the accuracy of the information the Hawai'i Board of Nursing (HBON) uses in their review of applicants and HBON activities related to HRS 457-12 Discipline; grounds; proceedings; hearings.
- NCSBN¹ proposes this standard, for all states to adopt, to require a biometrics-based state and federal criminal background check for all applicants consistent with Public Law 92-544.
- The Council of State Governments² supports the use of criminal background checks as part of the nursing licensure process. Applicants for nurse licensure with criminal histories may not reveal a positive criminal history on applications and fingerprint-based background checks are an effective tool to identify past criminal behavior and ensure ongoing patient safety.

Additionally, AONE Hawai'i supports the BON in their recommendation regarding SECTION 2 referring to HRS §457-5 (Page 3 lines 9-11) and its related content and SECTION 7 referring to HRS §846-2.7 (Page 21 lines 16-19). Therefore, AONE Hawai'i respectfully requests that HB 1756 HD3 pass. We appreciate your continuing support of nursing in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

-We ask for your help and support in passing HB 1756 HD3 from this committee. Thank you.

¹ https://www.ncsbn.org/NCSBN_Approved_Standard_CBC.pdf

² https://www.ncsbn.org/CSG_Resolution.pdf

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Kathleen Yokouchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In very strong support. • The Hawai'i Board of Nursing should not have the burden of receiving fingerprints or verifying an applicant's or licensee's criminal background as it lacks expertise and resources to do so. • It is critical that the Hawai'i Board of Nursing defer to the Hawaii Criminal Justice Center, FBI, police department and professional fingerprinting analysts such as Fieldprint, Inc. or other nationally recognized agencies to electronically verify an applicant's or licensee's criminal background status; Implementation date should be no later than 2021 as the longer we are without this critical information, the more consumer safety is at risk. Thank you, Kathy Yokouchi Thank you

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