

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

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Regular Session of 2015

Monday, February 2, 2015  
2:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 269, RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY.**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is May Ferrer, Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Psychology (“Board”). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 269, relating to psychology. The Board strongly supports House Bill No. 269, which proposes to recognize American Psychological Association (“APA”) accredited doctoral programs that provide broad and general training in scientific psychology and in the foundations of practice and strive to prepare students for the practice of professional psychology.

The Board agrees with the proposed changes to its statutory language as this will expand the scope of doctoral level education, internship training in professional psychology and post-doctoral specialty training in professional psychology, and allow greater opportunities for licensure. The APA has been accrediting programs in professional psychology for over 60 years, gaining formal recognition as an accrediting body by the United States Department of Education and the Council of Higher Education Accreditation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill No. 269.