

HB269

Measure Title: RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY.

Report Title: Psychologist Licensing; American Psychological Association;
Accredited Doctoral Programs

Description: Expands doctoral degree requirement for licensing of psychologists to include additional doctoral programs accredited by the American Psychological Association.

Companion: [SB13](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s): MCKELVEY, BELATTI

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Tuesday, March 31, 2015
9:30 a.m.

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

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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. This measure was heard by the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce on Monday, February 2, 2015, and was passed unamended.

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 programs that strive to prepare students for the practice of professional psychology. 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.

The Board supports the measure as it will expand the scope of doctoral level education, internship training in professional psychology, and post-doctoral specialty training in professional psychology, and will allow for greater opportunities for licensure.

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



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Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

March 29, 2015

Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 9:30 am, Room 229

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 269

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi and members of the committee, my name is Marie Terry-Bivens, Psy.D. and I am a psychologist and current President of the Hawai'i Psychological Association (HPA). I would like to provide testimony in support of HB 269.

HPA is in support of HB 269 that seeks to expand the doctoral degree requirement to include other doctoral programs accredited by the American Psychological Association to include counseling psychology and school psychology.

HPA is in agreement with the proposed changes to the statutory language and agrees with the Board of Psychology that the recommended changes will help to expand the scope of doctoral level education, training, and increase applicants for licensure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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President