

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Regular Session of 2015

Tuesday, February 10, 2015
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 729, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE
REGISTERED NURSES.**

TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 729, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, that clarifies the role of advanced practice registered nurses in sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to emergency hospital admission and involuntary hospitalization.

The Board supports this bill that would allow a qualified advanced practice registered nurse ("APRN") to:

- Perform an emergency examination;
- Direct that a patient be hospitalized on an emergency basis or cause the patient to be transferred to another psychiatric facility for emergency hospitalization; and
- Certify the signs and symptoms of a patient for a petition for commitment to a psychiatric facility.

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These roles are consistent with an APRN's current scope of practice and will allow APRNs to participate to a greater extent in emergency hospital admission and involuntary hospitalization processes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 729.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

**SB 729, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
Senate Committee on Health
Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hearing--February 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM**

Dear Chairman Green, Chairwoman Baker and Members of the Senate Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection:

My name is Paula Yoshioka and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems. I would like to provide my support for SB 729, which would ensure that advanced practice registered nurses are fully recognized as mental health professionals qualified to diagnose mental illness under section 334-59, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

The Queen's Medical Center-Punchbowl receives a large portion of Oahu's emergency and involuntary hospitalizations. It is important that all qualified providers, like APRNs, are able to assist in these situations. This law will clarify that APRNs are fully qualified to perform mental health status and safety risk assessments.

In order to ensure that all qualified providers are available to assist in situations that fall under section 334-59, HRS, I ask for your support of SB 729. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.

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Comments: I support this bill. APRNs are trained and recognized as primary care providers. This bill would allow decreased health care costs, increased access and improved patient outcomes.

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