

# SB735 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO NURSES.

Report Title: Practical Nurses; Registered Nurses; Nursing Licensure; Continuing Competency Requirements

Description: Beginning with the July 1, 2017, licensing biennium, requires licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of completed continuing competency requirements prior to the renewal of the license. (SD1)

Companion: [HB354](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: HTH, CPN

Introducer(s): BAKER, CHUN OAKLAND, GREEN, Espero, Ihara, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, Nishihara, Ruderman, Taniguchi

<u>Sort by Date</u>		<b>Status Text</b>
1/23/2015	S	Introduced.
1/26/2015	S	Passed First Reading.
1/28/2015	S	Referred to HTH/CPN.
1/29/2015	S	Re-Referred to HTH, CPN.
2/3/2015	S	The committee(s) on HTH has scheduled a public hearing on 02-06-15 2:30PM in conference room 414.
2/6/2015	S	The committee(s) on HTH deferred the measure until 02-10-15 9:00AM in conference room 229.
2/10/2015	S	The committee(s) on HTH recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in HTH were as follows: 7 Aye(s): Senator(s) Green, Wakai, Baker, Gabbard, Riviere, Ruderman, Slom; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.
2/18/2015	S	Reported from HTH (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 213) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to CPN.
2/18/2015	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to CPN.
2/20/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN will hold a public decision making on 02-25-15 9:45AM in conference room 229.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, February 25, 2015  
9:45 a.m.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 735, S.D. 1, RELATING TO NURSES.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments on Senate Bill No. 735, S.D. 1, Relating to Nurses, that would require licensed registered and licensed practical nurses to complete continuing competency requirements prior to the renewal of their nurse license beginning with the 2017 biennium, by completing a "learning activity".

The Board supports this bill with amendments:

- Page 2, line 13, amend title of the section to read as follows, "Continuing competency requirements; exemptions; extensions; records retention; audit." This clarifies the title to reflect the contents of the section.
- Page 2, lines 16-17, delete reference to "thirty contact hours". Thirty contact hours only pertain to the continuing education learning activity.

The other learning activity options vary in hours. The intent of this bill is

for a nurse licensee to complete one of the learning activities, not only continuing education.

- Page 3, line 5, should include “practical nurses”. This section exempts nurses who also maintain national nursing certification from the continuing competency requirements since national certifications already require continuing education in addition to other requirements. Licensed practical nurses may also obtain national certification and should be afforded the same exemption as a registered nurse with national certification.
- Page 3, lines 13-19, is amended to allow a new nursing graduate modified learning activity options in order to meet the continuing competency requirement that include only fifteen hours of continuing education, one semester credit of post-licensure academic education related to nursing practice from an accredited nursing program, or a learning activity that is approved by the Board.
- Page 4, line 19, is amended to include the words “to completion of **one of the**” learning activity options recognized by the” board. This is to clarify that a nurse licensee shall complete “one” and not a combination of the learning activity options.
- Page 5, lines 20-21, should be amended to delete the orientation of an employee as credit for precepting. The Board determined that since there are no “standards” specified, allowing a nurse to obtain continuing

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competency credit for performing an orientation was not the same as precepting a nursing student.

- Page 6, lines 8-9, should be amended to specify the nursing research project must be an institution review board (“IRB”) project. An IRB, also known as an independent ethics committee, ethical review board or research ethics board, is a committee that has been formally designated to approve, monitor, and review biomedical and behavioral research involving humans. The Board determined that clarifying the standard for the research project was necessary. The Board also determined that other evidence-based practice projects must first be pre-approved by the Board.
- Page 6, lines 14-16, should be amended to clarify that the development and conducting of a nursing education presentation should be hours that qualify to offer continuing education.

These proposed amendments will allow the Board to implement the continuing competency program without having to promulgate administrative rules for clarification.

Additionally, the Board has been engaged in productive discussions with the Center for Nursing about this bill and plans to continue those discussions at its next Board meeting on March 5, 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on Senate Bill No. 735, S.D. 1.

**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
February 25, 2015 9:45 a.m.**

**by  
Laura Reichhardt, MS, RN, Senior Administrative Coordinator  
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

**SB735 SD1 RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NURSES**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB735 SD1.

Addressing the needs and interests of the people of Hawai'i includes ensuring that quality health care is easily accessible to consumers throughout the State. Nurses are critical to the successful implementation of health care reform. Continuing competency plays a significant role in nursing professionals' ongoing development and for the betterment of the patients they serve. The individual nurse must embrace lifelong learning as an essential key to delivering safe high quality patient care.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) formed the Continuing Education Joint Advisory Committee (CEJAC) in accordance with SCR 167 SD2, SLH 2010, which determined that a continuing competency program (self-assessment, implementation of a personal learning plan, CE and subsequent reassessment) is preferable to simple CE program. Additionally, CEJAC concluded that continuing competency requirements may be implemented in the state without fiscal burden to nurses, their employers, or academic institutions. However, the HSCN also supports the legislature's finding that the Hawai'i nurse continuing competency program must be established in phases, beginning with learning activity requirements that support continuing competency in nursing.

Further, after continued discussions with our community partners, we respectfully ask that the CPN Committee consider making the following amendment to Page 3, Lines 15-21. Language under consideration is marked in bold:

If a licensee who graduated or completed pre-licensure requirements from an accredited nursing program more than twelve months but less than two years prior to the renewal date, the registered nurse or practical nurse licensee shall be required to obtain fifteen contact hours of **continuing education, one semester credit of post-licensure academic education related to nursing practice from an accredited nursing program, completion of a board-recognized nurse residency program, or other** learning activity options from an approved provider recognized by the board prior to the first renewal period.

Therefore, the HSCN respectfully requests that SB735 SD1, pass unamended. We appreciate your continuing support of nursing in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TO: Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2015  
TIME: 9:45 A.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229

FROM: Hawaii Medical Association  
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director  
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

### **Re: SB 735 RELATING TO NURSES**

#### **Position: SUPPORT**

The HMA commends the introducers of this bill.

The HMA is in strong support of continuing education for all healthcare providers. Healthcare standards change dramatically year to year and it is of the utmost importance that providers develop life-long learning as a demonstration to the public of professional responsibility in maintaining competence, performance and improving outcomes.

The HMA would also like to offer our assistance, should it be needed, in the development of CE. The HMA accredits most of the state's CME for physicians and would be happy to assist the development of CE for nurses.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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## Legislative Testimony

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February 25, 2015 at 9:45 am

by

Robert Bley-Vroman, Chancellor

and

Mary G. Boland, DrPH, RN, FAAN

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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### SB 735 SD1 – RELATING TO NURSES

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, SB 735 SD1.

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The UH Mānoa Nursing supports the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing's Continuing Education Joint Advisory Committee determination that a continuing competency program (self-assessment, implementation of a personal learning plan, CE and subsequent reassessment) is preferable to simple CE program. Additionally, CEJAC determined that continuing competency requirements may be implemented in the state without fiscal burden to nurses, their employers, or academic institutions. However, the UH Mānoa Nursing also supports the legislature's finding that the Hawai'i nurse continued competency program must be established in phases, beginning with learning activity requirements that support continuing competency in nursing.

Further, UHM Nursing supports new graduate nurses and therefore, agrees with the recommended amendments as proposed by the HSCN to clarify the exemptions for nurses with more than twelve months but less than two years of licensure prior to the renewal date.

Therefore, the UH Mānoa Nursing respectfully requests your support of this measure with amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Conference Room 229**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: Patty Boeckmann  
Chief Nurse Executive

**Re: SB 735, SD1 Relating To Nurses**  
**Testimony in Support**

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My name Patty Boeckmann and I am the Chief Nurse Executive at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state.

I am writing in support of SB 735, SD1 which would require licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of continuing competency at each renewal period, beginning with the July 1, 2017 licensing biennium.

Addressing the needs and interests of the people of Hawai'i includes ensuring that quality health care is easily accessible to consumers throughout the State. Nurses are critical to the successful implementation of health care reform. With the emergence of new health care systems, it is imperative that licensing boards are assured that nurses have the requisite training and competency to practice. Continuing education plays a significant role in nursing professionals' ongoing development and greatly benefits the patients they serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.





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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: MaryAnn England  
Chief Nurse Executive

**Re: SB 735, SD1 Relating To Nurses**  
**Testimony in Support**

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My name is MaryAnn England and I am the Chief Nurse Executive of Wilcox Memorial Hospital (Wilcox). Wilcox is a nonprofit hospital and the primary hospital serving the island of Kauai. It has become a cutting-edge hospital serving the medical needs of residents and visitors. As a state-of-the-art Level III Trauma Center, Wilcox was recently ranked among the top 15% in the Nation for Outstanding Patient Experience in 2013. With 193 physicians on staff, Wilcox offers island residents and visitors expert diagnosis and treatment for more than 20 specialties. It is a state-of-the-art acute care facility with a full suite of services including emergency, OB/GYN, pediatrics, cardiology, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, pulmonology, nephrology, cosmetic surgery, internal medicine and family practice.

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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: Brigitte McKale, Chief Nurse Executive

Re: **SB 735, SD1 Relating To Nurses**  
**Testimony in Support**

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My name is Brigitte McKale, and I am the Chief Nurse Executive for Pali Momi Medical Center. Pali Momi is a not-for-profit hospital located in West O'ahu, and is dedicated to the health and well-being of all Hawai'i residents. With 128 beds and more than 400 physicians on its medical staff, Pali Momi offers a full range of services. The hospital has delivered many medical firsts for the community, including Central and West O'ahu's only interventional cardiac catheterization unit to detect and treat heart disease, a fully integrated minimally invasive surgical suite, CT scan and MRI services and the state's first retina center. Pali Momi is the only medical facility in Hawai'i that uses a team triage approach in its emergency room, where patients are promptly evaluated by an emergency physician. The Pali Momi Women's Center ranks among the top in the nation, and for the past three years, Pali Momi has been in the top five percent nationwide for providing outstanding patient service. The hospital is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider.

I am writing in support of SB 735 SD1 which would require licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of continuing competency at each renewal period, beginning with the July 1, 2017 licensing biennium.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: Mavis Nikaido  
VP of Patient Services and Chief Nurse Executive

**Re: SB 735, SD1 Relating To Nurses**  
**Testimony in Support**

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My name is Mavis Nikaido, and I am the VP of Patient Services and Chief Nurse Executive of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (Kapi'olani). Kapi'olani Medical Center is the state's only maternity, newborn and pediatric specialty hospital. It is also a tertiary care, medical teaching and research facility. Specialty services for patients throughout Hawai'i and the Pacific Region include intensive care for infants and children, 24-hour emergency pediatric care, air transport, maternal-fetal medicine and high-risk perinatal care. The not-for-profit hospital offers several community programs and services, such as the Kapi'olani Child Protection Center and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. Additionally, Kapi'olani's Women's Center is ranked among the top in the nation. Kapi'olani Medical Center is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
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From: Art Gladstone RN MBA  
Chief Nurse Executive – Hawai'i Pacific Health  
Chief Operating Office – Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: **SB 735, SD1 Relating To Nurses**  
**Testimony in Support**

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My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state.

I am writing in support of SB 735, SD1 which would require licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of continuing competency at each renewal period, beginning with the July 1, 2017 licensing biennium.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cindy Kamikawa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: SB 735 SD 1, Relating to Nurses Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Hearing—February 25, 2015 at 9:45 AM Dear Chairwoman Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection: My name is Cindy Kamikawa, and I am the Chief Nursing Officer at The Queen’s Health Systems. I would like to provide comments regarding SB 735, relating to nurses. I agree with the intent of this bill, and also with most of the learning activity options for continuing competency. I would recommend that your committee consider these suggestions as amendments to the bill: 1. The word “preceptor” needs to be defined, with specific standards laid out to qualify an individual as a preceptor (page 6, line 1); 2. Require that any nursing research be approved by the Institutional Review Board, and lay out standards for what qualifies as an evidence-based practice project (page 6, lines 10-12); and 3. Require that nursing education presentations must meet certain defined standards, be approved as continuing education units, or presented at a nationally recognized forum (page 6, lines 16-18). Thank you for your time and consideration of the suggestions provided above.

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Christi Keliipio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
From: MaryAnn England  
Chief Nurse Executive

**Re: SB 735, Relating To Nurses**  
**Testimony in Support**

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My name is Glenda Tali and I am the Campus College Chair and faculty member for the College of Health Sciences and Nursing at the Hawaii campus of University of Phoenix. University of Phoenix has been providing nursing education in Hawaii for more than 20 years. I have been a registered nurse for nearly 30 years and a women's health care nurse practitioner for 20 years. Nursing is my passion and I am committed to the education of the next generation of nurses and to those already in practice. My nursing students are also in favor of this continuing education/competency bill.

I am writing in support of SB 735 which would require licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of continuing competency at each renewal period, beginning with the **July 1, 2017** licensing biennium. I urge the implementation of continuing education at the earliest possible date as indicated in the original bill.

Addressing the needs and interests of the people of Hawai'i includes ensuring that quality health care is easily accessible to consumers throughout the State. Nurses are vital to the successful implementation of health care reform. With the emergence of new health care systems, it is imperative that licensing boards are assured that nurses have the requisite training and competency to practice. Continuing education plays a significant role in nursing professionals' ongoing development and greatly benefits the patients they serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Support for Nursing Competencies, SB735  
2015 Hawaii State Legislature

I am writing to offer my support for SB735. The Hawaii State Center for Nursing created the Continuing Education Joint Advisory Committee (CEJAC) created by comprised of representation from the Hawai'i State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), Hawaii Board of Nursing (HBON), nursing academic institutions, professional organizations, employers, and the unions which represent nursing. This committee recommended:

- Development of a continuing competency program (CCP) for registered and practical nurses in Hawai'i
- Implementation of a CCP would have no fiscal impact on nurses, employers, or Hawai'i educational institutions.
- CCP requirements support the HBON, and DCCA's Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (PVLVD) and Regulated Complaints Office (RICO) interest in and responsibility for consumer safety and ensuring that nurses practice safely and demonstrate competency throughout their career.

Nationally, 71% of Boards of Nursing require some level of continuing competency, with an overall increase in CCP requirements of 33% since 2010. The most common requirements include 30 contact hours of continuing education (CE), academic courses related to nursing, national certification in a nursing specialty, refresher courses, authoring publications, or giving nursing presentations.

Insuring nursing competency will benefit patients from all areas of Hawaii, both urban and rural. Therefore, as a member of Hawaii State Rural Health Association, and a patient, I support the CCP learning activity options including national certification in a nursing specialty, 30 contact hours of CEs, academic credits related to nursing, nursing refresher courses, and professional development activities including completing nursing research or evidence based practice projects, authoring or co-authoring nursing related articles, papers, books, or book chapters, developing and conducting nursing education presentations, and completing nurse residency programs.

Mahalo for your attention to this matter!



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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
February 25, 2015 9:45 a.m.**

**by  
Susan Lee, BSN, RN, WCC**

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The supports the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing's Continuing Education Joint Advisory Committee (CEJAC) determination that a continuing competency program (self-assessment, implementation of a personal learning plan, CE and subsequent reassessment) is preferable to simple CE program. Additionally, CEJAC determined that continuing competency requirements may be implemented in the state without fiscal burden to nurses, their employers, or academic institutions. However, the also supports the legislature's finding that the Hawai'i nurse continued competency program must be established in phases, beginning with learning activity requirements that support continuing competency in nursing.

Further, the supports exempting Hawai'i licensed registered nurses who:

- are licensed in Hawai'i as APRNs who maintain national certification;
- maintain current national certification from a recognized national certifying body in their practice role; or
- are first-time license renewal applicants whose initial license was issued less than twelve months prior to the renewal date.

Therefore, the respectfully requests that SB735 SD1, pass unamended. We appreciate your continuing support of nursing in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**SB735**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Senators, As a Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Nurse, I stand in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 735D1 beginning with the July 1, 2017, licensing biennium, require licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of completed continuing competency requirements prior to the renewal of the license. This is not an onerous requirement and is intended to protect the Public's health. I urge you to support this important health legislation. Mahalo for your time and acceptance of this testimony in support of SB735 SD1.

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