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SB 44 SD1 – RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee on Health,

The UH Mānoa Nursing supports Senate Bill 44, SD1, to allow Section 334, relating to mental health, mental illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism, to apply to all law enforcement officers as defined under Section 710-1000, which includes any public servant, whether employed by the State or subdivisions thereof, or by the United States, vested by law with a duty to maintain public order, or to make arrests for offenses, or to enforce the criminal laws, whether that duty extends to all offenses or is limited to a specific class of offenses.

The UH Mānoa Nursing appreciates your continuing support of nursing and health in Hawai‘i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 44, SD1.