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HB 1546 RELATING TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill, HB 1546, updating Article 2 of Chapter 431, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to add a new part on prescription drug prior authorization standardization.

The UH Mānoa Nursing supports this bill to establish a statewide standardization of the prior authorization process to help to alleviate much of the administrative burden and confusion that results in delays to patients' timely access to prescription drugs.

Chapter 457, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, authorizes qualified advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to prescribe in Hawai'i. For the purpose of consistency and clarity, we recommend that the definition for "prescriber" in Section 2 of this measure be amended to read:

"Prescriber" means any physician, dentist, advanced practice registered nurse, dispenser, hospital, or other person or institution licensed and registered in this State to issue a prescription."

We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.