

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2163 RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Green, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2163 updating Hawai'i Revised Statutes to adopt the provisions of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) relating to the scope and standards of nursing practice.

We support this bill to update the nursing practice scope and standards with the NCSBN model. By applying the model in Hawai'i, we will be aligned with the nation's direction in nursing and healthcare, and advance the recent Hawai'i legislative changes to support advanced practice registered nursing in Hawai'i.

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