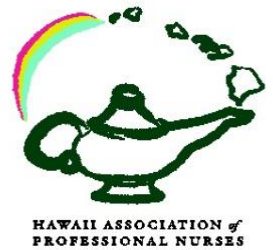


Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN)



To: The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair of
the House Committee on Health & Homelessness

From: Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN)

Subject: HB82 – Relating to Health Care Preceptors; in Support

Hearing: February 1, 2023, 8:30a.m.

Aloha Representative Belatti, Chair; Representative Takenouchi, Vice Chair; and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding HB82. HAPN is in **strong support** of this measure. This measure will broaden the array of specialists who contribute to the education and development of Hawaii's future healthcare providers. This measure also clarifies the definition of "volunteer-based supervised clinical training rotation". This is related to both time spent teaching students and what constitutes compensation for precepting, and amends the Preceptor Credit Assurance Committee to improve administration and roles.

This measure is supported by a wide coalition of community, academic entities, and students and HAPN joins in the support for this bill. Our interest is to ensure that all APRNs who participate in the education and training of Hawaii's APRN students experience the same benefits as a result of precepting students and mentoring them while they continue their education.

APRNs have played an important role in the healthcare of our communities and have a vast base of knowledge and experience that we can share with tomorrow's new professionals. While precepting students is important, it is also something that takes time. Sharing with these preceptors these benefits could ensure that more preceptors are available to help train our students. This will in turn improve access to care for all patients as we have competent providers in our communities providing much needed care.

HAPN's mission, to be the voice of APRNs in Hawaii, has been the guiding force that propelled us to spearhead the advancement of patients' access to healthcare as well as supporting the recognition of the scope of practice for APRNs in Hawaii which led us to full practice authority. We have worked to improve the physical and mental health of our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the perspective of HAPN with your committee. Thank you for your enduring support of the nursing profession in the Aloha State.

Respectfully,
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