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SB 2436 SD1 RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill, SB 2436 SD1, requiring the insurance commissioner to develop a standardized prior authorization request form and process for prescription medications for use by health care providers and insurance carriers.

The UH Mānoa Nursing believes the mandating of a uniform waiver process for prescription authorizations and standardizing the criteria for such waivers would be effective. Further, we support SB 2436 SD1 and request that page 3, line 10 be amended by adding "APRN" to the definition of "Prescriber" as APRNs are authorized to prescribe OTC, legend and controlled drugs (Schedule II-V).

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