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Legislative Testimony

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SB 805 - RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 805, exempting special education teachers with training in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) from the Behavior Analyst Licensing Law.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, College of Education supports SB 805 which exempts special education teachers with training in ABA from the Behavior Analyst Licensing law. A licensed special education teacher or an individual who is working toward licensure as a special education teacher and who is enrolled in a state approved and nationally-accredited special education teacher preparation program that includes training in behavior analysis assessment and interventions; provided that the applied behavior analysis services performed are within the boundaries of the licensed special education teacher's or individual working toward licensure as a special education teacher's scope of education, training, and practice.

Thank you for allowing our testimony on SB805.