
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE ENTRANCE OF MEN INTO THE NURSING FIELD.

1 WHEREAS, the federal government estimates that the nursing
2 industry is short more than one hundred forty thousand nurses
3 this year, and that by 2020, the shortage is expected to rise to
4 eight hundred thousand; and

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6 WHEREAS, an untapped source for recruiting future nurses is
7 men, who currently make up only six per cent of the nursing
8 force, but despite their small numbers have excellent
9 reputations, earn good salaries, and are greatly respected
10 leaders in the profession; and

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12 WHEREAS, nursing offers men job security because more than
13 ninety per cent of 2005 nursing graduates found jobs; and

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15 WHEREAS, nursing also offers men good salaries, which can
16 start at \$40,000, with nursing specialists capable of earning
17 \$100,000; and

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19 WHEREAS, the nursing profession has evolved over the years
20 into a complex and challenging field and offers avenues of
21 employment to positions in healthcare administration; and

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23 WHEREAS, to encourage men to enter the field of nursing, a
24 concerted promotional effort is needed at the postsecondary
25 educational level to attract men into the field of nursing, such
26 as but not limited to campus visits by nursing professionals,
27 scholarships, internships, low interest student loans, and
28 student housing assistance; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the School of Nursing
33 of the University of Hawaii, in collaboration with other
34 agencies of government and the private sector, is respectfully



1 requested to encourage the entrance of men into the nursing
2 field; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President and the
6 Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii,
7 and the Chairperson of the state Board of Nursing.

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