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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING TO  
CONDUCT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION IN THE  
CITY OF MANILA IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

1 WHEREAS, the National Council Licensure Examination is  
2 administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
3 and is designed to test knowledge, skills, and abilities  
4 essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the  
5 entry level; and

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7 WHEREAS, in the United States, the National Council  
8 Licensure Examination is only provided in a computerized  
9 adaptive testing format and is also available in the District of  
10 Columbia and Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa,  
11 Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Overseas, candidates  
12 may also take the examination in Australia, India, Hong Kong,  
13 Taiwan, South Korea, Canada, Mexico, Germany, and the United  
14 Kingdom; and

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16 WHEREAS, nurses from foreign countries who desire to work  
17 as registered or practical nurses within the United States,  
18 including Hawaii, need to:

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20 (1) Apply for licensure in the state or territory in which  
21 the nurse wishes to be licensed;  
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23 (2) Meet all of the eligibility requirements set by the  
24 board of nursing of that state or territory to take  
25 the National Council Licensure Examination, including  
26 a Credentials Evaluation Service report in some  
27 jurisdictions; and  
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29 (3) Register for, take, and pass the National Council  
30 Licensure Examination; and  
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1 WHEREAS, in order to travel to the United States to take  
2 the National Council Licensure Examination examination, nurses  
3 trained in other countries must first obtain a nonimmigrant B-2  
4 visa; and

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6 WHEREAS, by offering a National Council Licensure  
7 Examination testing center in Manila, the National Council of  
8 State Boards of Nursing will overcome a tremendous hurdle for  
9 nurses trained in the Republic of the Philippines, who otherwise  
10 would need to apply for and obtain nonimmigrant B-2 visas to  
11 visit the United States to take the National Council Licensure  
12 Examination, and greatly facilitate the recruitment of  
13 critically needed registered and practical nurses to work in  
14 Hawaii; and

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16 WHEREAS, the State must take a proactive approach to the  
17 recruitment of qualified nurses in order to fill the State's  
18 nursing shortage; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature urges  
23 the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to establish a  
24 testing center in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, to  
25 accommodate the great numbers of foreign trained nurses wishing  
26 to take the National Council Licensure Examination in order to  
27 work in the United States and to facilitate recruitment of  
28 qualified registered and practical nurses to work in Hawaii; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director  
32 of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the Director  
33 of Health, the Chairperson of the Board of Nursing, the  
34 President of the Republic of the Philippines, the Ambassador of  
35 the Republic of the Philippines to the United States, and the  
36 Philippines Consulate General in Honolulu.

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