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# SENATE 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,  
32 that the School of Nursing of the University of Hawaii, in  
33 collaboration with other agencies of government and the private  
34 sector, is respectfully requested to encourage the entrance of  
35 men into the nursing field; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the President and the Chairperson  
 3 of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, and the  
 4 Chairperson of the state Board of Nursing.

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