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Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Health

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**House Bill 2915- Making an Appropriation for
Educational Program Preparing Candidates
for Nurses Licensing Examinations in Hawaii**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO, supports H.B. 2915. This bill proposes to appropriate out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2008-2009 for an educational program to assist candidates preparing for nursing licensing examinations.

There is a severe shortage of nurses in Hawaii. Providing nursing students the assistance in preparing for the licensing exams would raise the percentage of students passing the examination. This would result in more students entering the nursing field, which will help reduce the shortage.

We respectfully request the passage of this bill from your committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

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