

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TWENTY-FOURTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION of 2007

Thursday, March 27, 2008
2:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 277 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 235, REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE CENTER FOR NURSING TO ENCOURAGE PARTIES TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOAL OF INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF WELL-EDUCATED AND DEDICATED NURSES.

TO THE HONORABLE JERRY L. CHANG, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Kathleen Yokouchi, Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 277 and House Resolution No. 235, with an amendment.

This measure requests the Hawaii State Center for Nursing to encourage parties to work together for the common goal of increasing the supply of well-educated and dedicated nurses.

Page two of House Concurrent Resolution No. 277 and House Resolution No. 235 requests that the Vice President of the University of Hawaii Community Colleges distribute certified copies of this measure to the nursing programs of the various community colleges in the State, including Leeward Community College. However, Leeward Community College's proposed nursing program has not been approved by the Board and has not attained national accreditation by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Therefore, the Board

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stands in support of this measure provided that Leeward Community College be deleted from the list of community colleges with nursing programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.