
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE INCREASED HIRING OF NURSES RESIDENT IN HAWAII AND
THE DECREASED HIRING OF FOREIGN NURSES.

1 WHEREAS, during the last four years, the University of
2 Hawaii and the Community Colleges in the State have prioritized
3 the creation and funding of nursing schools in Honolulu, Maui,
4 Kauai, Leeward Oahu, and Windward Oahu; and
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6 WHEREAS, this effort has materialized and yielded an
7 abundance of nursing school graduates and registered nurses,
8 creating an abundance of nurses to the extent that some of them,
9 especially the new graduates, are unemployed; and
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11 WHEREAS, as a result, in global financial meltdown, the
12 State is experiencing higher levels of unemployment and
13 consequently, decreased access to medical care; and
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15 WHEREAS, the policy of the State should be to employ its
16 own residents and decrease government assistance to those who
17 are unemployed; and
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19 WHEREAS, specifically, the State should employ its own
20 residents first and decrease reliance on imported professionals;
21 now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Homeland
26 Security is requested to close visa applications for registered
27 nurses and terminate renewals of visa applications for working
28 visas nurses; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthcare Association of
31 Hawaii and the Hawaii Nurses' Association are urged to have the
32 hiring of nurses resident in Hawaii and the training of recent



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1 nursing school graduates in specialty nursing areas prioritized
2 among employers of nurses; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of
6 Homeland Security, the President and Chief Executive Officer of
7 the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the
8 Board of Directors of the Hawaii Nurses' Association.
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