
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CENTER FOR NURSING TO EVALUATE THE NEED AND
RESOURCES REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAM FOR NURSES.

1 WHEREAS, section 457-9(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 provides that a nurse who has not actively practiced in this
3 State or any other state in the United States or any territory
4 or possession under the jurisdiction of the United States for
5 more than five years may be required to submit proof of
6 continued competency by retaking and passing the licensing
7 examination or successfully completing a refresher course
8 approved by the State Board of Nursing; and
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10 WHEREAS, section 16-89C-20(a)(2), Hawaii Administrative
11 Rules, requires advanced practice registered nurses with
12 prescriptive authority to submit proof of successfully completing
13 thirty contact hours of continuing education including eight
14 hours of advanced pharmacology to renew prescriptive authority;
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17 WHEREAS, advanced practice registered nurses without
18 prescriptive authority, registered nurses, and licensed
19 practical nurses are not required to submit proof of having
20 completed continuing education to renew their licenses; and
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22 WHEREAS, nursing careers take widely divergent paths,
23 varying by professional role, setting, clients, disease
24 conditions, and therapeutic modalities as well as level of
25 health care delivery; and
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27 WHEREAS, there is an inherent evolution of practice from
28 the new graduate-entry-generalist level to the experienced-
29 focused practice level of competence; and
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1 WHEREAS, the need and the costs involved in implementing an
2 effective mandatory continuing education program for twenty-four
3 thousand nurses licensed in the State need to be assessed; and
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5 WHEREAS, the costs as they relate to anticipated financial
6 resources need to be assessed; and
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8 WHEREAS, the cost for an effective, mandatory continuing
9 education program which may result in increased fees to the
10 nurses and possible increased costs to consumers need to be
11 assessed to determine whether the benefits to the nurses, the
12 employers, and the public outweigh the costs; and
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14 WHEREAS, continuing education requirements must be
15 administratively feasible, cost-effective, and equitably applied
16 and enforced; and
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18 WHEREAS, the continuing education program should include
19 the descriptions of proposed offerings, the objectives, the
20 intended audience, faculty credentials, the administrative
21 structure, sources of financial support, the recordkeeping
22 mechanism, and a valid method of evaluation; and
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24 WHEREAS, an adequate phase-in period proposed to allow
25 educational institutions, employers, and professionals
26 sufficient time to meet the mandatory continuing education
27 requirements needs to be determined; and
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29 WHEREAS, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing
30 explored the characteristics of registered and licensed
31 practical or vocational nursing from entry through five years of
32 practice; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
35 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
36 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Center for Nursing is
37 requested to:
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- 39 (1) Evaluate whether there is a demonstrated need for
40 mandatory continuing education and whether there is
41 documented evidence that problems exist because of
42 actual performance deficiencies, rather than
43 inadequacies in supervision, facilities, financial



1 resources, or equipment, are responsible for
2 unacceptable professional performance;

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4 (2) Identify the resources required to ensure proper
5 delivery, monitoring, and compliance of the program,
6 including funds for additional program operation such
7 as qualified staff, space, materials, and equipment,
8 and the identification and weighing of the cost
9 impacts on the professional, the employer, and the
10 educational institution;
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12 (3) Identify the availability of the needed resources to
13 establish a continuing education program for twenty-
14 four thousand nurses licensed in Hawaii;
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16 (4) Review the studies done by the National Council of
17 State Boards of Nursing;
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19 (5) Identify a professional program suitable for analyzing
20 the training and educational needs of nurses and for
21 evaluating competence on the basis of current practice
22 criteria; and
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24 (6) Identify the fiscal impacts on the State, the public,
25 the nurse, the employer, and the educational system of
26 establishing and maintaining a mandatory continuing
27 education system; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Center for Nursing is
30 requested to establish a joint advisory committee that includes
31 the following persons as members:

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33 (1) A representative from each of the following Hawaii
34 schools of nursing:
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36 (A) University of Hawaii at Manoa;
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38 (B) Hawaii Pacific University;
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40 (C) University of Hawaii at Hilo;
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- 1 (D) Kapiolani Community College;
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- 3 (E) Maui Community College;
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- 5 (F) Kauai Community College;
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- 7 (G) Hawaii Community College; and
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- 9 (H) University of Phoenix; and
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- 11 (2) A representative from each of the following
- 12 organizations or associations:
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- 14 (A) Hawaii Association of Nurse Anesthetists;
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- 16 (B) Hawaii Association of Nurse Executives;
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- 18 (C) Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses;
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- 20 (D) Hawaii Long Term Care Association;
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- 22 (E) Hawaii Nurses Association;
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- 24 (F) Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and
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- 26 (G) Philippine Nurses Association; and
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- 28 (3) A representative from each of the following
- 29 governmental agencies:
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- 31 (A) Department of Health;
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- 33 (B) Department of Human Services;
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- 35 (C) Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs;
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- 37 (D) Office of the State Auditor; and
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- 39 (E) Board of Nursing; and



1 (4) Representatives of employers, including but not
2 limited to, Hawaii Pacific Health; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the joint
5 advisory committee are requested to serve without compensation
6 and without reimbursement for expenses; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Center for Nursing is
9 requested to take the recommendations of the joint advisory
10 committee under advisement; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Center for Nursing is
13 further requested to review all reports and studies prepared by
14 the State Auditor and the National Council of State Boards of
15 Nursing relating to continuing education; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Center for Nursing is
18 requested to submit an interim report highlighting their
19 progress to the Legislature twenty days prior to the convening
20 of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Center for Nursing is
23 requested to report its findings and recommendations (based on
24 research and statistical analyses), including any proposed
25 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
26 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint advisory committee is
29 requested to dissolve on June 30, 2013, unless otherwise provided
30 by the Legislature; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House
34 of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Dean of the
35 University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing, the Director of
36 the Center for Nursing, the President of Hawaii Pacific
37 University, the Chancellors of the University of Hawaii at Hilo,
38 Kapiolani Community College, Maui Community College, Kauai
39 Community College, and Hawaii Community College, the President
40 of the University of Phoenix; the Executive Director of the
41 National Council of State Boards of Nursing; the Executive
42 Directors of Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, Hawaii
43 Nurses Association, Philippine Nurses Association, Hawaii
44 Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Hawaii Association of Nurse



1 Executives, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Hawaii Long
2 Term Care Association; the Directors of Health, Human Services,
3 and Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the State Auditor.
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