
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Homeland Security is requested
26 to close visa applications for registered nurses and terminate
27 renewals of visa applications for working visas nurses; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthcare Association of
30 Hawaii and the Hawaii Nurses' Association are urged to have the
31 hiring of nurses resident in Hawaii and the training of recent
32 nursing school graduates in specialty nursing areas prioritized
33 among employers of nurses; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Homeland Security,
3 the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Healthcare
4 Association of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of
5 Directors of the Hawaii Nurses' Association.

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