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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, section 457-9(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 requires a nurse who has not actively practiced for more than
3 five years in this State or any other state, territory, or
4 possession under the jurisdiction of the United States to submit
5 proof of continued competency by retaking and passing the
6 licensing examination or successfully completing a refresher
7 course approved by the Hawaii Board of Nursing to restore a
8 license; and

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10 WHEREAS, title 16, chapter 89C, Hawaii Administrative
11 Rules, requires advanced practice registered nurses with
12 prescriptive authority to submit proof of successfully
13 completing thirty contact hours of continuing education,
14 including eight hours of pharmacology, to renew prescriptive
15 authority; and

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17 WHEREAS, advanced practice registered nurses without
18 prescriptive authority, registered nurses, and practical nurses
19 are not now required to submit proof of having completed
20 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, nursing practice inherently evolves from entry
28 level generalist to an experienced, focused practice; and

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30 WHEREAS, according to the American Nurses Association, an
31 accredited provider of continuing nursing education by the
32 American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on



1 Accreditation, nursing professional development is a career-long
2 process of active participation in learning activities that
3 assist in developing and maintaining nurses' continuing
4 competence, enhancing their professional practice, and
5 supporting achievement of their career goals; and
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7 WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association also found that
8 nursing professional development builds on nurses' basic
9 education and experience and significantly contributes towards
10 the goal of ensuring the delivery of quality health care to the
11 public; and
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13 WHEREAS, continuing education plays a significant role in
14 nursing professionals' ongoing development for the betterment of
15 the profession and the patients they serve; and
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17 WHEREAS, continuing education requirements must be
18 administratively feasible, cost-effective, and equitably applied
19 and enforced; and
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21 WHEREAS, a continuing education program should include the
22 descriptions of proposed offerings, program and course
23 objectives, faculty credentials, administrative structure,
24 sources of financial support, recordkeeping mechanisms, and a
25 valid method of evaluation, and consider the intended audience;
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28 WHEREAS, any continuing education requirement applicable to
29 all nursing license renewals needs an adequate phase-in period
30 to allow educational institutions, employers, and professionals
31 sufficient time to meet the mandatory continuing education
32 requirements; and
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34 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing is in a
35 position to play a pivotal role in the development and
36 administration of a continuing education program for nurses
37 which will more fully engage it with their constituents; now,
38 therefore,
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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
41 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
42 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawai'i State
43 Center for Nursing is requested to examine the feasibility,



1 benefits, costs, obstacles, and a potential timeframe of
2 establishing a continuing education requirement for all nursing
3 license renewals and a Hawaiian Nursing Continuing Education
4 Program; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i State Center for
7 Nursing is requested to identify:
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- 9 (1) The resources required to ensure proper delivery,
10 monitoring, and compliance of a Hawaiian Nursing
11 Continuing Education Program, including but not
12 limited to funds needed for qualified staff, space,
13 materials, and equipment, and the fiscal impact on
14 nurses, employers, the State, and educational
15 institutions providing the continuing education
16 credits;
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- 18 (2) The availability of resources needed to establish a
19 continuing education program for the 24,000 nurses
20 licensed in Hawaii;
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- 22 (3) The chronologic evolution of nursing practice and how
23 factors specific to individual nurses such as age,
24 gender, type of basic nursing education, propensity
25 for self-study, specialty area, and work setting
26 influence the evolution of the practice and types of
27 continuing education courses that would best respond
28 to these factors;
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- 30 (4) The determinants of safe post-entry practice and what
31 characterizes safe versus unsafe nursing practice; and
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- 33 (5) A professional program or programs suitable for
34 analyzing the training and educational needs of nurses
35 and for providing continuing education; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i State Center for
38 Nursing is requested to establish a joint advisory committee to
39 conduct the study, plan the establishment of a continuing
40 education program for nurses, and report its findings and
41 recommendations to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint advisory committee
2 consists of the following members:

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- 4 (1) One representative from the School of Nursing
5 established within each of the following institutions:
6 the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii Pacific
7 University, the University of Hawaii at Hilo,
8 Kapiolani Community College, Maui Community College,
9 Kauai Community College, Hawaii Community College, and
10 the University of Phoenix;
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- 12 (2) One representative from the National Council of State
13 Boards of Nursing;
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- 15 (3) One representative from each of the following: the
16 Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, the Hawaii
17 Nurses Association, the Philippine Nurses Association,
18 the Hawaii Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the
19 Hawaii Association of Nurse Executives, the Healthcare
20 Association of Hawaii, and the Hawaii Long Term Care
21 Association;
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- 23 (4) One representative from Hawaii Pacific Health, The
24 Queen's Medical Center, and any other Hawaii hospital
25 specified by the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; and
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- 27 (5) The Director of the Department of Commerce and
28 Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint advisory committee
31 select a chairperson from among themselves, and the chairperson
32 is requested to convene meetings of the joint advisory
33 committee; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the joint
36 advisory committee shall serve without compensation and without
37 reimbursement for expenses; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i State Center for
40 Nursing take the recommendations of the joint advisory committee
41 under advisement; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i State Center for
 2 Nursing is requested to review all reports prepared by the
 3 Office of the State Auditor and the National Council of State
 4 Boards of Nursing relating to continuing education; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i State Center for
 7 Nursing report its findings and recommendations, including any
 8 proposed legislation, pertaining to the establishment of a
 9 Hawaii nursing continuing education program to the Legislature
 10 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
 11 Session of 2011; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint advisory committee is
 14 to dissolve on June 30, 2011; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President and Dean
 18 of the School of Nursing of the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
 19 the Presidents of Hawaii Pacific University and the University
 20 of Phoenix; and the Chancellors of the University of Hawaii at
 21 Hilo, Kapiolani Community College, Maui Community College, Kauai
 22 Community College, and Hawaii Community College; the Executive
 23 Directors of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, the National
 24 Council of State Boards of Nursing, the Hawaii Association of
 25 Professional Nurses, the Hawaii Nurses Association, the
 26 Philippine Nurses Association, the Hawaii Association of Nurse
 27 Anesthetists, the Hawaii Association of Nurse Executives, the
 28 Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and the Hawaii Long Term Care
 29 Association; the Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of
 30 Hawaii Pacific Health and the Directors of the Department of
 31 Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of
 32 Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and the State Auditor.
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