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American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawai'i Chapter

**Before the House Committee on Higher Education
and House Committee on Health**

DATE: Thursday, March 18, 2010

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 309

**Re: HCR 160 Requesting the Center for Nursing to Evaluate
the Need and Resources Required to Establish a
Continuing Education Program for Nurses**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE Hawaii) Hawaii Chapter's testimony in support of HCR 160 requesting the Center for Nursing to evaluate the need and resources required to establish a continuing education program for nurses.

The complex healthcare needs of our patients and aging population validates the need for nurses to regularly update their knowledge. Nursing care includes the assessment of the physical, social, biological, and behavioral aspects of a patient. The healthcare environment is constantly evolving and continuing education is an effective avenue for nurses to keep up to date with these changes.

Hawaii is one of the 18 states that do not require continuing education in order for the nurses to renew their license. Many states require physicians, nurses, pharmacist and social workers to obtain continuing education credits as a condition of their license renewal. Patient safety is dependent on a well prepared and educated nurse. There are multiple options to obtain CE credits; on line courses, seminars, classes and conferences.

AONE Hawaii believes that requiring continuing education for the State's nurses is essential to the quality of care provided and to patient safety.

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Comments:
Support with the proposed amendments