



TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND HEALTH

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2010

Thursday, March 25 , 2010

1:25 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 167 REQUESTING THE CENTER FOR NURSING TO EVALUATE THE NEED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR NURSES.

TO THE HONORABLE JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE DAVID IGE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Gail Tiwanak, and I am the Director for the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 167, requesting the Center for Nursing to evaluate the need and resources required to establish a continuing education program for nurses.

This measure requires the Hawaii State Center for Nursing convene a joint advisory committee composed of the representatives from Hawaii Nursing schools, nursing and healthcare organizations, Hawaii State government agencies and employers. The advisory group is charged with assisting the Center in studying many complex issues related to continuing education prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012.

The center supports the intent of the resolution but respectfully recommends that:

- the center review the studies done by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing which address items (3) and (4) on page 2.
- the Center be allowed to submit an interim progress report in 2012;
- the committee not be dissolved June 30, 2012, but remain in existence until the study is completed;
- the final deadline not be specified until after the Center's interim progress report is submitted with its recommendations.
- the removal of a representative from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing from the joint advisory committee

- add a representative of the Hawaii Board of Nursing to the advisory committee

With the proposed amendments the Hawaii State Center for Nursing supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 167.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

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TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR, AND
TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Kathy Yokouchi and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 167, Requesting Hawaii State Center for Nursing to Evaluate the Need for and Resources Required to Establish a Continuing Education Program for Nurses.

This measure requires the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("Center") to form a joint advisory committee ("committee") composed of representatives of the Hawaii schools of nursing, nursing and healthcare associations, the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Office of the State Auditor, and employers. The Center, with the assistance of the committee, is charged with evaluating, identifying and reporting its findings on many complex issues relating to continuing education no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012.

The Board supports the intent of these measures but respectfully recommends that:

- The Board of Nursing be listed, along with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to be part of the joint advisory committee;
- The Center's testimony requesting that it be allowed to submit an interim progress report in 2012 be supported;
- That in accordance with the Center's request for time to render an interim and then a final report, that the joint advisory committee not be dissolved on June 30, 2012, but remain in existence until the study is completed; and
- That in accordance with the Center's request, the final deadline not be specified until after the Center's interim progress report is submitted with its recommendations.

Therefore, the Board of Nursing supports Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 167 **with the proposed amendments**. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Senate Committee on Higher Education and
The Senate Committee on Health

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair

Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone, RN MBA
Chief Nurse Executive – Hawai'i Pacific Health
Chief Operating Office – Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: Testimony in Support of SCR 167 Requesting the Hawaii State Center for Nursing to Evaluate the Need for and Resources Required to Establish a Continuing Education Program for Nurses

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state. Learn more at: <http://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org>

I am writing in support of SCR 167 which requests that the Hawaii State Center for Nursing conduct an in-depth study of the need for as well as the requirements and resources needed to implement a comprehensive continuing education program for nurses. We recognize that the practice of nursing is one that changes over time because of the rapidly ongoing evolution in the health care field. Therefore, continuing education would not only enhance the practice of nursing, but ensure that our community may avail itself of well-trained nurses. HPH has been working with the Board of Nursing, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and other stakeholders on the matter of continuing education. SCR 167 is essential to developing a continuing education program which will benefit all nurses and improve the level of nurse competency and healthcare in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of SCR 167 and for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of it.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair

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Supporting SCR 167.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii represents its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR 167, which requests that the Center for Nursing study the feasibility of establishing a continuing education requirement for nursing license renewals.

The State Legislature enacted Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, creating the Center for Nursing to help ensure the quality of health care for the people of Hawaii by proactively addressing issues related to the nursing workforce. Among its many accomplishments, the Center for Nursing has developed statistics that help provide a clear picture of nursing and the factors that affect it, along with a strategic plan for the nursing workforce in Hawaii.

Professionals in many other fields are required to have regular continuing education, but nurses in Hawaii are not required to submit proof of having completed continuing education to renew their licenses. The only exception is for advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority.

There are questions of whether mandating continuing education for all nurses would result in benefits to consumers and whether these benefits would be worth the cost. The resolution under consideration is intended to gather information relevant to these questions.

The Center for Nursing is the most appropriate agency to perform the study because it has the necessary experience and expertise. The resolution calls for the Center for Nursing to convene an advisory committee with representation from all of the relevant stakeholders to assist with that effort. The Healthcare Association of Hawaii is named as a member of the advisory committee, and would be glad to provide perspectives from its various member organizations.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii supports SCR 167.

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TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Glenda Tali and I am the Campus College Chair for the College of Nursing at the Hawaii campus of the University of Phoenix. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 160.

This measure requires the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("Center") to form a joint advisory committee ("committee") composed of representatives of the Hawaii nursing schools of nursing, nursing and healthcare associations, the Departments of Health, Human Services and Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the State Auditor and employers. The Center with the assistance of the committee is charged with the daunting task of evaluating, identifying and reporting its finding on many very complex issues relating to continuing education no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012.

I support the intent of these measures but respectfully recommend that:

- The Center's testimony requesting that it be allowed to submit an interim progress report in 2012 be supported;
- That in accordance with the Center's request for time to render an interim and then a final report, that the joint advisory committee

not be dissolved on June 30, 2012, but remain in existence until the study is completed;

- That in accordance with the Center's request, the final deadline not be specified until after the Center's interim progress report is submitted with its recommendations; and
- That the Legislature appropriate resources for the Center's task

Therefore, I support House Concurrent Resolution No. 160 and House Resolution No. 98 **with the proposed amendments**. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

I wish to support passage of SCR 167 with the following amendments: 1. addition of the Board of Nursing on the Advisory Committee, 2. require an interim report by the Committee in 2012, and 3. extend the Committee's end date until the final report is completed.
Cecilia Mukai

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Comments:

In support of the resolution with the amendments proposed by the Board of Nursing. Thank you.