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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 346-46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§346-46 Certified nurse aides; training programs and**  
4 **recertification.** The director shall:

5           (1) Approve training programs for nurse aides and ensure  
6           that the training programs comply with all applicable  
7           federal and state requirements;

8           (2) Approve and arrange for the recertification process  
9           for nurse aides who work in medicare or medicaid  
10           certified nursing facilities;

11           (3) Approve and arrange for the recertification process  
12           for nurse aides who work in state-licensed or state-  
13           certified health care settings; [~~and~~]

14           (4) Require recertification not less than every two years.  
15           The number of continuing education hours required for  
16           recertification shall not exceed twenty-four hours,  
17           except as specified by federal law[-]; and



1        (5) Require training programs and the recertification  
 2        process for nurse aides to include a multicultural  
 3        health awareness and education program. For the  
 4        purposes of this paragraph, "multicultural health"  
 5        means the provision of health care services with the  
 6        knowledge and awareness of the causes and effects of  
 7        the determinants of health that lead to disparities in  
 8        health status between different genders and racial and  
 9        ethnic populations and the practice skills necessary  
 10       to respond appropriately."

11       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 12       and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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**Report Title:**

Nurse Aides; Certification; Training Program

**Description:**

Requires training programs and the recertification process for nurse aides to include a multicultural health awareness and education program. Effective July 1, 2013.

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