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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[-], which shall



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

13           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Nurse Aides; Certification; Training Program

**Description:**

Requires training programs, the recertification process, and continuing education for nurse aides to include a multicultural health awareness and education program. Effective July 1, 2050.  
(HB2050 HD1)

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