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House Committee on Finance
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by

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HB 2023 RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING

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We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCFN) Work to Date in Addressing the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Recommendations

January 2012

Recommendation 1: Remove scope-of-practice barriers.

The HSCFN has researched barriers which prevent Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) from practicing to the full extent of their education and training. The HSCFN established the APRN Committee which has identified 36 barriers in Federal and State laws to date. The Committee continues to survey APRNs in various practice settings to identify additional barriers to practice. (Information is available upon request.) The Committee has found significant delay in State agencies' implementation of new laws passed by the Legislature which were intended to break down some of these barriers.

Recommendation 2: Expand opportunities for nurses to lead and diffuse collaborative improvement efforts.

The HSCFN established the Nursing Education and Practice Collaborative which is comprised of representatives from key sectors of nursing in the State of Hawai'i with a shared mission and vested interest to attract, educate, and maintain a qualified nursing workforce. This mission presents an opportunity for collaboration with private and public employers, health care organizations, and nursing associations committed to:

- expanding nursing education and practice in the State of Hawai'i to ensure a stable and competent nursing workforce; and
- generate innovative and sustainable solutions for assuring a stable and highly competent nursing workforce across the continuum of healthcare delivery.

Recommendation 3: Implement nurse residency programs.

HSCFN has taken actions to support nurses' completion of a transition-to-practice program (nurse residency) after they have completed a pre-licensure or advanced practice degree program or when they are transitioning into new clinical practice areas. In collaboration with Castle Medical Center, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Kaiser Medical Center, The Queen's Medical Center, Chaminade University, Hawai'i Pacific University and the University of Hawai'i System, the HSCFN will be implementing a Registered Nurse Residency Program.

At the end of the program, the graduate nurses will:

- transition from entry level nurses to competent professional nurses; develop effective decision making skills related to clinical judgment and performance;
- be able to provide clinical leadership at the point of care;
- strengthen their commitment to nursing as a professional career choice;
- be able to incorporate research-based evidence into their practices; and
- formulate individual career development plans.

Recommendation 4: Increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020.

Academic nurse leaders from the University of Hawai'i are working together in a shared bachelor of science (BS) program that will increase the proportion of new graduate nurses with a baccalaureate degree. To increase the percentage of BS prepared nurses from 50 to 80 percent statewide by 2020, private and public funders, and employers must create incentives for degree completion by experienced associate degree RNs to continue their progression to the bachelor or master's degree. The HSCFN can facilitate this activity and monitor progress in creating a statewide nursing workforce prepared to meet the demands of diverse populations across the lifespan.

Recommendation 5: Double the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020.

Hawai'i doctoral graduates are increasing with 8 students each year receiving their PhD from UH Mānoa. The University of Hawai'i nursing programs at Mānoa and Hilo will launch the Doctor of Nursing Practice program in fall 2012 with projected enrollment of 24 and 10 students respectively. Faculty recruitment is hampered by the low salary provided to educators. A combination of increasing the high demand faculty salary threshold and tuition forgiveness programs are needed to increase recruitment and retention.

Recommendation 6: Ensure that nurses engage in lifelong learning.

In accordance with SCR 167, 2009 SLH, the HSCFN established the Continuing Education Joint Advisory Committee (CEJAC) made up of the Hawai'i schools of nursing, health care organizations, the Board of Nursing, and professional associations to collaborate in an effort to ensure that nurses, nursing students and faculty continue their education and engage in lifelong learning to gain the competencies needed to provide care for diverse populations across the lifespan.

In accordance with the IOM recommendations ("Redesigning Continuing Education in the Health Profession"), the CEJAC developed the Hawai'i Continuing Competence Program. The individual nurse in collaboration with the BON, nursing educators, employers and the nursing profession would have the responsibility to demonstrate continued competence by completing a confidential self-assessment of the nurse's

practice; create a plan to maintain competence within the area of practice; choose from multiple learning options/methods/ and attest to completion of the process at the time of license renewal.

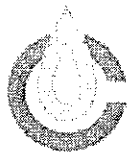
The second part of the Program will include an evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the process on nurse competency. The National Board of State Boards of Nursing is in the process of developing such a tool, and the specifics of the tool are pending. CEJAC members include the American Organization of Nurse Executives, Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs, Filipino Nurses Organization, Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses, Hawai'i Community College, Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Hawai'i Long Term Care Association, Hawai'i Medical Center, Hawai'i Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Hawai'i Association of Nurse Practitioners, Hawai'i Association of Nurse Professionals, Hawai'i Nurses Association, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawai'i Pacific University, Healthcare Association of Hawai'i, Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i, Kapi'olani Community College, Kauai Community College, Kuakini Health System, Maui Community College, Philippine Nurses Association, State of Hawai'i Board of Nursing (BON), The Queen's Medical Center, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and the University of Phoenix.

Recommendation 7: Prepare and enable nurses to lead change to advance health.

The HSCFN established the Hawai'i Nurse Internship and the Nurse Residency Programs to assist novice nurses transition into successful practice. This is accomplished by developing nurse educators, managers, and staff RN preceptors in each organization to work with new graduates and enable them to teach, coach, mentor, lead, and evaluate new nurses. Nurse residency programs are designed to increase job satisfaction and reinforce professional commitment to the nursing profession, contributing to the long-range goal of alleviating the nursing shortage. Data from organizations with these programs report significant increase in RN retention.

Recommendation 8: Build an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of interprofessional health care workforce data.

The HSCFN and the UH Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene have collaborated with the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, the Hawai'i Board of Nursing, the State departments of Health, Human Services, Commerce & Consumer Affairs and Labor to ensure that the data are timely and publicly accessible. Five annual surveys were conducted to track the types of nursing programs offered, enrollment capacity, number of graduates, student and faculty demographics, and current issues affecting education capacity. Three biennial census surveys of registered nurses licensed by the Hawai'i Board of Nursing were conducted to identify and trend RNs geographic distribution, age, employment status, intention to stay in current employment and in the profession. A census survey of licensed practical nurses (LPN) licensed by the State of Hawai'i Board of Nursing was conducted to identify and trend PNs geographic distribution, age, employment status, intention to stay in current employment and in the profession.



Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

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**by
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HB 2023, Relating to the Center for Nursing

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the House Committee on Finance.

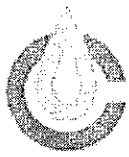
Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 2023 which amends Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, as amended by section 2 of Act 173, Sessions Laws of Hawaii 2008.

This amendment will make permanent the specific charge on new and renewing RN and LPN licenses to fund the work of the Center in meeting its mission to address nursing workforce issues. The Center's major functions are:

1. Collect and analyze nursing workforce data
2. Conduct research on best practices and quality outcomes
3. Develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses
4. Research analyze and report data related to the retention of the nursing workforce

Since becoming operational in April, 2005, the work of the Center for Nursing has benefited a diverse number of nurses inclusive of those at the bedside, in management, educators and advanced practice nurses by their involvement in projects such as leadership training, evidence based practice, preceptor training, Partners in Nursing Conference, and access to data collected on supply and nursing programs, The Center also impacts nurses, policy makers and the wider healthcare community through its functions as a catalyst, innovator and resource. The Center leads the way in the following areas:

- Partnering with nurses from throughout the state along with business, philanthropy and government to generate collaborative solutions on workforce and quality issues



Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

- Engaging and involving nurses from all islands and all sectors of healthcare in guiding the work of the Center
- Providing Hawai'i specific data on the nursing
- Focusing on expanding educational capacity which has increased by 30%, owing to the support and resource allocation from the Legislature
- Establishing innovative programs to improve and support retention of nurses in both acute and long term care (leadership training programs for acute care and preceptor development in long term care)
- Obtaining external grant funding to support additional initiatives (Robert Wood Johnson Partners in Nursing grant with HMSA Foundation, \$375,000; HRSA to Support the Retention of Associate Nursing Students on the Neighbor Island \$900,000; HMSA Foundation funds to extend the Partners in Nursing project to the neighbor islands, \$100,000)
- Providing small grants to maximize local and regional solutions in quality of care, education and workforce issues

In light of ongoing nursing issues in the state and the nation, it is imperative that the Center for Nursing continue its work to support nurses who are generating Hawai'i specific solutions. Nurses working in partnership can build a strong nursing workforce for the future. The passage of HB 2023 will permit the valuable and beneficial work of the Center to continue.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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February 28, 2012

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

House Committee on Finance

Re: HB 2023 – Relating to the Center for Nursing

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2023. This Bill will make permanent the deposit of the University of Hawaii's Center for Nursing fees into the Compliance Resolution Fund specifically for use by the Center for Nursing.

HMSA believes in the importance of improving our local health care resources, such as the UH Center for Nursing. In 2006, the HMSA Foundation contributed \$105,000 to help match a \$250,000 Robert Wood Johnson grant to participate in the Partners in Nursing Futures initiative. This was a cooperative effort to increase and enhance the skilled nursing workforce for Hawaii for which the University's Center for Nursing continues to play a critical role.

We appreciate your allowing us to testify in support of HB 2023 and in support of the Center for Nursing. Allowing the Center for Nursing to retain its revenues for the Center's operations reflects an investment of those who participate in the Center's program into the Center's success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JDiesman".

Jennifer Diesman
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Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
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State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In Support of H.B. 2023, Relating to the Center for Nursing

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer of The Queen's Medical Center (QMC), testifying in **strong support** for H.B. 2023, Relating to the Center for Nursing, which amends Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, as amended by section 2 of Act 173, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008. This change would make permanent the assessment and deposit of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCFN") fees into the compliance resolution fund and distribution of those funds to the credit of the HSCFN special fund.

The Center has provided education, service, and research through collaborative leadership. It has addressed recommendations related to the nursing workforce; including the implementation of a nurse residency program. The Center has become a resource for nursing information and research that ultimately will benefit the people of Hawai'i.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** for this measure.

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Through the establishment of the HSCFN, the resulting programs, education and collaboration have had a direct positive effect on the efficient provision of safe patient care, the development of our future nurses, the growth and development of the state’s registered nurses, and has allowed us to become one of the nation’s leaders in the health reform efforts through the establishment of the Future of Nursing Action Coalition for the State of Hawaii. The HSCFN has become the core of nursing information and as a result has provided nurses with a voice and direction in our quest to improve the health of the people of Hawaii.

As a Registered Nurse licensed in the State of Hawaii, I strongly support the HSCFN, and recommend passage of HB 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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As a former member of the board of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing I strongly recommend passage of HB 2023. I appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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The House Committee on Finance

To: Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone
Chief Nurse Executive
Chief Operating Officer – Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: HB 2023 RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING Testimony in Strong Support

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer for 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, 49 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, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

We are writing in strong support of HB 2023 Relating to the Center for Nursing which makes permanent the assessment and deposit of center for nursing fees into the compliance resolution fund and distribution of those funds to credit of the center for nursing special fund..

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Affiliates of Hawai'i Pacific Health



AONE

American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawai'i Chapter

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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2023 RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the American Organization of Nurse Executives – Hawaii Chapter (“AONE”) in strong support of bill HB 2023 which makes permanent the assessment and deposit of center for nursing fees into the compliance resolution fund and distribution of those funds to the credit of the center for nursing special fund.

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Therefore, AONE - Hawaii strongly recommends passage of HB2023. We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Suzanne Filleul
President AONE Hawaii

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In Support of HB 2023/HSCR153-12
RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee , and members of the Committee on Finance, I testify in strong support of HB 2023/HSCR153-12. My name is Amy Stone Murai and I have been a registered nurse for 37 years, an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) for 35 years, and have been licensed in the State of Hawai'i since 1989. I am a member of the Board of Nursing, but provide this testimony as an individual.

HB 2023/HSCR153-12 supports the continued existence of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing by establishing a permanent funding source and distribution of **monies collected from the state's licensed nurses** for the sole purpose of fulfilling the Center's Mission: To assure that the State of Hawai'i has the nursing resources necessary to meet the health care needs of its people.

The Center was established by Act 198 in 2003, and funding was continued under Act 173 in 2008. Based on the Legislative mandates, the primary functions of the Center are to:

- Collect and analyze data, prepare and disseminate written reports and recommendations regarding current and future status and trends of the nursing workforce
- Conduct research on best practice and quality outcomes; and
- Develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses

The Center fulfills its mandate via surveys of nurses licensed in the state and of nursing education programs to monitor capacity. It conducts research to facilitate evidence-based practice (EBP) and standardization of quality measures state-wide. The Center partners with schools of nursing and employers to assure successful transition to practice (RN residency program) and quality leadership (Leadership Institute)..It collects, analyzes, and reports transition and retention data on new graduate nurses as well as data on licensed nurses' plans to leave practice/retire. Many currently practicing nurses have put off retirement due to financial losses resulting from the economic downturn. It is critical that an adequate workforce be sustained when those nurses retire en mass when the economy improves. The Hawai'i State Center is the logical and appropriate agency to coordinate with its many community partners to anticipate and ensure a smooth workforce transition. Please allow the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing to fulfill its Mission:

**To assure that the State of Hawai'i has the nursing resources
necessary to meet the health care needs of its people.**

The need for high quality nursing care does not have a sunset date. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2023/HSCR153-12, relating to the Center for Nursing. I thank the committee for their consideration.

Amy Stone Murai, RN, MS, APRN, WHNP-BC

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Therefore, I strongly recommends passage of HB 2023. I appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Kind regards,

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The HSCFN was established in 2003 to provide education, service, and research through collaborative leadership for Hawaii's nurses. The HSCFN has reviewed national evidence and has acted proactively to address the Institute of Medicine's recommendations (and similar recommendations of the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council). It is building strong coalitions and collaborative efforts with all stakeholders to better serve health care needs of the people of Hawaii.

The HSCFN should be perpetuated as it has become a champion for workforce planning, nursing research, and professional practice in the State. Stakeholders recognize the HSCFN as the source of reliable information on existing and emerging trends in nursing and as the advocate for coalitions that ultimately will benefit the people of Hawai'i.

The repeal of the Center fees would result in the termination of the HSCFN as the fee is its main source of funding. Therefore, as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, primary care provider, nurse leader, and consumer of health care, **I strongly recommend passage of HB 2023.** Mahalo Nui Loa for you continuing support of the HSCFN and evidence based quality healthcare in Hawai'i. Mahalo in advance for your thoughtful consideration of these issues and I ask your support to move this legislation forward.

O au me ka ha`a ha`a (I am humbly yours),

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HB 2023 RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 2023 which amends Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, as amended by section 2 of Act 173, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008.

This change would make permanent the assessment and deposit of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (“HSCFN”) fees into the compliance resolution fund and distribution of those funds to the credit of the HSCFN special fund.

Through the establishment of the HSCFN, the resulting programs, education and collaboration have had a direct positive effect on the efficient provision of safe patient care, the development of our future nurses, the growth and development of the state’s registered nurses, and has allowed us to become one of the nation’s leaders in the health reform efforts through the establishment of the Future of Nursing Action Coalition for the State of Hawaii. The HSCFN has become the core of nursing information and as a result has provided nurses with a voice and direction in our quest to improve the health of the people of Hawaii.

As a Registered Nurse licensed in the State of Hawaii, I strongly support the HSCFN, and recommend passage of HB 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Legislature in its wisdom established the HSCFN in 2003. Since then the HSCFN has provided education, service, and research through collaborative leadership. It has proactively addressed the Institute of Medicine's recommendations (and similar recommendations of the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council) . It has forged solutions through respect, diversity, and the collective strength of all stakeholders. The HSCFN has become the hub of nursing information and research that ultimately will benefit the people of Hawai'i.

The HSCFN should be perpetuated as it has become a leader in workforce planning, nursing research, and professional practice in the State. Stakeholders recognize the HSCFN as the source of reliable information on existing and emerging trends in nursing. Thinking strategically, acting collaboratively, and seeking synergistic solutions have become the hallmarks of the HSCFN.

The repeal of the Center for Nursing fees would in essence cause the demise of the HSCFN as the fee is its main source of funding. Therefore, I strongly recommend passage of HB 2023.

We of the nursing community appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kathy Yokouchi

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Aloha;

I am in support of continuing to fund our Center for Nursing from our license renewal assessment permanently.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Yvonne Geesey

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The center has improved nursing education and opportunities to ensure quality safe care for our patients. At this critical juncture in our nation and state's health care system, the nursing profession must be supported. The center is essential in meeting this need for Hawaii's nurses.



February 28, 2012 (Agenda #4)

To: Chair Marcus Oshiro and Members,
House Committee on Finance
From: Bob Ogawa, President
Re: HB 2023, Relating to the Center for Nursing

The Hawaii Long Term Care Association is in strong support of HB 2023, which would make permanent the assessment and deposit of Center for Nursing fees into the compliance resolution fund and distribution of those funds to the credit of the Center for Nursing special fund.

Since its inception, the Center has acted as the driving force for nursing in the areas of training, research and workforce development. The Center has established collaborative relationships with private and public sectors to ensure that the nursing profession will grow and develop in the critical ways that it must to provide for the well-being of our community.

The passage of this legislation will ensure that the work of the Center will be perpetuated. We appreciate your continued support of nursing and your myriad efforts in assuring quality health care for all the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.