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In very strong support.



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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
The Senate  
Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association  
March 29, 2012

H.B. 2023 – RELATING TO  
THE CENTER FOR NURSING

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of H.B. 2023, which makes permanent the assessment of the Center for Nursing fees into the compliance resolution fund and the distribution of those funds to the credit of the Center for Nursing special fund.

The HGEA supported the formation of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (Center for Nursing) in 2003 and believes in its core functions which are to: 1) collect and analyze data, prepare and disseminate written reports and recommendations regarding current and future status and trends of the nursing workforce; 2) conduct research on best practices and quality outcomes; 3) develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses; and 4) research, analyze and report data related to the retention of the nursing workforce.

The Center for Nursing provides valuable objective data and programs designed to address the nursing shortage that will materialize over the next 5-10 years. Hawaii is experiencing a short-term surge in the nursing workforce, but it is a temporary situation. A highly educated and competent nursing workforce is essential to the healthcare of Hawaii, and the Center for Nursing is a valuable resource in accomplishing that objective.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comments:

On behalf of Kāhi Mōhala Behavioral Health, we are writing in support of HB 2023. This measure is important in the development and promotion of quality, affordable and accessible healthcare in the state of Hawaii.

Kāhi Mōhala Behavioral Health is a center for health care services. Kāhi Mōhala embraces an interdisciplinary approach to services, incorporating an integrative perspective in emotional, physical, cognitive and behavioral health care treatment. The Kāhi Mōhala C.A.R.E.S. philosophy (Culture of Aloha, Relationship Based, and Environment of Safety) enhances excellence of care by incorporating the feedback of both patients and staff in developing the most positive healing environment.

Kāhi Mōhala's 88-bed facility is located on 14.5 acres on the rural west side on the island of Oahu. It is Hawaii's only freestanding, community-based, not-for-profit psychiatric hospital; serving the needs of not only individuals and families in Hawaii, but also those throughout the Pacific Rim. Kahi Mohala is accredited by The Joint Commission, certified by TRICARE and Medicare/Medicaid.

Mahalo for the opportunity to support this measure.