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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Institute of  
2 Medicine has asserted that effective workforce planning and  
3 policymaking require better data collection and an improved  
4 information infrastructure. The legislature also finds mention  
5 in the Institute of Medicine's recommendations for building an  
6 "infrastructure for the collection and analysis of  
7 interprofessional health care workforce data" and collaboration  
8 among state licensing boards, state nursing workforce centers,  
9 and the United States Department of Labor in the effort to  
10 ensure that the data are timely and publicly accessible.

11           The legislature further finds that the Hawaii center for  
12 nursing and the University of Hawaii school of nursing and  
13 dental hygiene have collaborated with the department of health,  
14 department of human services, department of commerce and  
15 consumer affairs, department of labor and industrial relations,  
16 Hawaii workforce development council, board of nursing, and all  
17 accredited schools of nursing in the State to ensure timely and  
18 publicly accessible data.



1           The legislature additionally finds that the center for  
2 nursing has collected nursing-related data through various  
3 surveys, including five annual surveys related to nursing  
4 programs, three biennial census surveys of registered nurses,  
5 and a census survey of licensed practical nurses. The  
6 legislature also finds that center for nursing surveys are a  
7 valuable way to collect important nursing-related data, and a  
8 response to these surveys should be requested.

9           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 10           (1) Require the professional and vocational licensing  
11           division of the department of commerce and consumer  
12           affairs to collaborate with the center for nursing to  
13           enable the center to obtain nursing-related data;
- 14           (2) Require the professional and vocational licensing  
15           division to provide the center for nursing with  
16           various information through a memorandum of  
17           understanding; and
- 18           (3) Request completion of a survey developed by the center  
19           for nursing as part of the license renewal  
20           requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised  
21           Statutes.



1 SECTION 2. Section 304A-1407, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 " ~~[+]§304A-1407[+]~~ Collaboration with the center for  
4 nursing. (a) The University of Hawaii school of nursing and  
5 dental hygiene, the state board of nursing, other schools of  
6 nursing within the State, professional nursing organizations,  
7 employers in the healthcare industry, and labor unions  
8 representing nurses and healthcare workers shall collaborate  
9 with the center for nursing and provide workforce data to the  
10 center for nursing when requested.

11 (b) The professional and vocational licensing division of  
12 the department of commerce and consumer affairs shall  
13 collaborate with the center for nursing to enable the center for  
14 nursing to obtain nursing-related data including, but not  
15 limited to, workforce data of nurses licensed in the State.  
16 Workforce data may be obtained through online surveying or other  
17 cost-effective, efficient methods. A survey developed by the  
18 center for nursing and deemed necessary by the center for  
19 nursing shall be requested as part of the license renewal  
20 requirements under section 457-9(a). Through a memorandum of  
21 understanding with the center for nursing, the professional and  
22 vocational licensing division shall provide nurse licensee



1 contact information including, but not limited to, electronic  
2 mail addresses, to enable the center for nursing to:

3 (1) Collect and analyze data;

4 (2) Prepare and disseminate written reports and  
5 recommendations regarding the current and future  
6 status and trends of the nursing workforce;

7 (3) Conduct research on best practices and quality  
8 outcomes;

9 (4) Develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit  
10 and retain nurses; and

11 (5) Research, analyze, and report data related to the  
12 retention of the nursing workforce, in accordance with  
13 section 304A-1406."

14 SECTION 3. Section 457-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

16 "(a) The license of every person licensed, recognized, or  
17 granted prescriptive authority shall expire on June 30 of every  
18 odd-numbered year and shall be renewed biennially, except as  
19 provided in this section. Biennially in each odd-numbered year,  
20 the board shall make available an application for renewal of  
21 license before the deadline set forth by the board to every  
22 person to whom a license was issued or renewed during the



1 biennium. The applicant shall complete the application and  
2 submit it to the board with a renewal fee and all required  
3 documents on or before the deadline set by the board. The  
4 applicant shall provide documents from proper agencies or  
5 parties of any criminal conviction or any disciplinary action  
6 taken or pending in this State or any other state in the United  
7 States or any territory or possession under the jurisdiction of  
8 the United States within the two years prior to application for  
9 renewal of license. As part of the license renewal process,  
10 each applicant shall be requested to complete a survey developed  
11 by the center for nursing as deemed necessary by the center for  
12 nursing pursuant to section 304A-1407(b). Upon receipt of the  
13 application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the  
14 application and issue to the applicant a certificate of renewal  
15 for the biennium expiring two years hence on the deadline set by  
16 the board. The renewal shall render the holder thereof a legal  
17 practitioner of nursing for the period stated on the renewal  
18 form."

19 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Nursing-Related Data; Nursing; Licensing

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Professional and Vocational Licensing Division to collaborate with the Center for Nursing to enable the Center to obtain nursing-related data. Provides that the workforce data may be obtained through online survey or other means. (HB654 HD2)

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