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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Monday, February 25, 2013
2:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 654, H.D. 1, RELATING TO NURSING.

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The Division appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill No. 654, H.D. 1, Relating to Nursing, that would require the Hawaii State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division ("PVL"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA"), to collaborate with the Center for Nursing ("Center") to enable the Center to obtain nursing-related data when requested. This bill

also provides that the workforce data may be obtained through online surveys or other means.

We have the following concerns with the bill:

- In Section 1, on page 2, lines 8, 10, and 14: We request that the words “required” or “require” be replaced with “requested” or “request”.

Additionally, in SECTION 3, on page 5, lines 11 – 14:

- We oppose the requirement that completion of the survey is necessary for renewal of the license, as it does not enhance the licensee’s competency or quality of care. Furthermore, the possibility of nurses failing or refusing to complete the workforce survey would result in the non-renewal of the license. This would gravely impact the nursing workforce and possibly create a nursing shortage in this State. We therefore request that “required” on line 12, be replaced with “requested”. We have been in discussions with the Center and the Center has agreed to this amendment.

PVL, DCCA, and the Board are aware of the Center’s “mission” to collect the workforce data for nurses and have been working on solutions to provide the Center with as much information as possible in compliance with Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 92F, the Uniform Information Practices Act. We are attempting to modify our renewal and initial license nurse applications to include questions for the applicant/licensee asking permission to release their information to the Center. We have also agreed to include the Center’s workforce survey at the beginning and the end

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of the online renewal and to also include a link to the Center's survey on the Board's web page.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on House Bill No. 654, H.D. 1.

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Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 654, H.D. 1
Relating to Nursing

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill. The Office of Information Practices ("OIP") supports this bill and recommends an amendment to prevent confusion concerning the application of the State's public records law, the Uniform Information Practices Act (Modified), chapter 92F, HRS (UIPA).

This bill requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to provide nursing-related data to the Center of Nursing through a memorandum of understanding and requires DCCA to include a center for nursing survey as part of the license renewal requirements under chapter 457, HRS. OIP believes that H.B. No. 654, as currently drafted, is an appropriate solution for allowing DCCA to disclose to the Center for Nursing personal information about licensed nurses that would fall with the UIPA's "clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" exception.

OIP's only concern about H.B. No. 654 is that, on page 4, lines 14-15, the bill specifies: "For purposes of compliance with this section, the center for nursing shall abide by the requirements of chapter 92F." This sentence is potentially misleading because it implies that the Center for Nursing is not otherwise governed by chapter 92F, the UIPA. The Center for Nursing, which is within the University of Hawaii's School of Nursing, is an "agency" under the UIPA and, therefore, must already comply with the UIPA's requirements. **OIP requests that this bill be amended by the deletion of this one sentence so that there will be no question that the Center for Nursing is already governed by UIPA.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
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My name is Cecilia Mukai, Vice Chair of the Board of Nursing ("Board").

I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 654, H.D. 1, Relating to Nursing, that would require the Hawaii State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to provide nurse license contact information to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("Center") so that the Center may use this information to contact the nurse licensee to obtain workforce data to be used to determine the current and future trends of the nursing workforce. This bill would also require that a nurse licensee complete the Center's workforce survey in order to renew their license.

The Board supports this bill with the following amendment:

- Section 3, page 5, lines 11 through 14, the Board recommends that this language be deleted as the Board opposes requiring the completion of a survey to renew a license. The Board has agreed to include the link for the Center's workforce survey before and after the renewal process. The Board is also collaborating with the Center to provide the link to the survey on the Board's webpage with a joint

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statement from the Board and the Center encouraging nurse licensees to complete the survey.

Furthermore, the Board also concurs with the testimony of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division.

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Legislative Testimony

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HB 654 HD1 – RELATING TO NURSING

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654 HD1.

The new language in Section 2 of this bill requests nurse licensees to complete the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (“Center for Nursing”) survey for biennial nurse license renewal. Ideally, requiring this survey would have resulted in 100% participation¹. However, the UH Mānoa Nursing supports the collaboration between the Center for Nursing and the HBON/PVLD to remove any concern with nonparticipation, including the Center’s agreement that the survey should be requested rather than required for now as part of the license renewal process.

UH Mānoa Nursing recommends that the following sections of the new language be amended:

- Section 2, deleting the last sentence, “For the purposes of compliance with this section, the Center for Nursing shall abide by the requirements of Chapter 92F.” The Center for Nursing is already governed by chapter 92F, the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) and seems to imply otherwise.
- Section 3(a), for the purpose of consistency, replacing “required” with “requested” to read: “As part of the license renewal process, each applicant shall be

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requested to complete a survey developed by the center for nursing as deemed necessary by the center for nursing pursuant to section 304A-1407(b).”

We note that HB 654, HD1 will address Hawai'i's lack of a central source of communication through which all nurses licensed in the State can contribute to and receive information on practice/regulatory changes, state/federal initiatives and nursing research to assure quality nursing care. Hawai'i has not consistently participated in national workforce data surveys or responded to requests in a timely manner. As the Nation moves forward with health care reform, the lack of participation by the state of Hawai'i will have consequences for policy formation and resource allocation.

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UH Mānoa Nursing appreciates your continuing support of nursing and nursing education in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair
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Chief Nurse Executive – Hawai'i Pacific Health
Chief Operating Office – Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: **HB 654, HD1 Relating To Nursing**
Testimony in Support

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer at 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, 44 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, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state.

I am writing in support of HB 654, HD1 which requires the professional and vocational licensing division (PVL) of the department of commerce and consumer affairs and the state board of nursing to collaborate with the center for nursing to enable the center to obtain nursing related data, and requires PVL to provide the center for nursing with contact information through a memorandum of understanding. Through this joint effort, data can be collected and analyzed, which in turn will lead to the development of strategies to recruit and retain nurses.

HB 654, HD1 addresses the lack of a central source of communication through which all nurses licensed in the State can contribute to and receive information on practice/regulatory changes, state/federal initiatives and nursing research to assure quality nursing care. Hawaii has not consistently participated in national workforce data surveys or responded to requests in a timely manner. As the Nation moves forward with health care reform, the lack of participation by the state of Hawai'i will have consequences for policy formation and resource allocation.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

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Supporting HB 654 HD 1: Relating to Nursing

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 40,000 people. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 654 HD 1, which is designed to increase the rate of response to the survey of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (HSCN) that is used to develop nurse workforce data.

The survey helps fulfill the statutory functions of HSCN, which include collecting and analyzing data about the nursing workforce, analyzing data related to the retention of the nursing workforce, and developing a plan for recruiting and retaining nurses. These functions are consistent with the recommendation of the Institute of Medicine that states establish an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of interprofessional health care workforce data.

The HSCN survey is the most valuable source of nursing data in the state. Unfortunately, however, the response rate is only about 35%, compared with other states that have response rates that range from 80% to 90%. An improved response rate to the HSCN survey would result in more accurate projections about the nurse workforce of the future, which would in turn trigger HSCN to take action to reduce or eliminate projected shortages. The ultimate objective is to ensure a sufficient supply of nurses to provide care to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 654 HD 1.



Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

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by

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HB 654, HD1 RELATING TO NURSING

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill, HB 654, HD1, with amendments.

The new language in Section 2 of HB 654 HD1 requests nurse licensees to complete the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing ("Center for Nursing") survey for biennial nurse license renewal. Ideally, requiring completion of the survey would have resulted in 100% participation¹. However, the Center for Nursing met with the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing (HBON)/Professional & Vocational Licensing Division (PVLD) at its meeting on February 7, 2013 to address the HBON/PVLD's concerns of possible pushbacks from nurse licensees who may prefer not to participate; the effect on their relicensure; and necessity to discipline nurses for noncompliance. In an effort to collaborate with the HBON/PVLD and remove any concern with nonparticipation, the

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Center has agreed that the survey should be requested rather than required for now as part of the license renewal process. The HBON/PVLD has agreed to write a joint statement with the Center for Nursing in support of the request to complete the workforce survey, noting the importance and benefits of participation by nursing professionals. The HBON/PVLD has also agreed to place the survey link before and after licensure renewal.

However, the Center for Nursing recommends that Section 2 of this measure be amended by deleting the last sentence, "For the purposes of compliance with this section, the Center for Nursing shall abide by the requirements of Chapter 92F." The Center for Nursing is already governed by chapter 92F, the Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA) and seems to imply otherwise.

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HB 79, HD1, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 79, HD1. This measure amends Section 457-8.5(a) by adding language consistent with the *National Council of State Boards of Nursing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Consensus Model* (Consensus Model).

As a registered nurse and President of a Medicare-certified Home Health Agency, I support the amendment to Section 457-8.5(a)(4), Hawai`i Revised Statutes, by:

- Deleting: “leading to a master’s degree as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist, or a nurse practitioner”
- Adding: “preparing the nurse for one of the four recognized APRN roles”

Currently nurses can only be recognized as APRNs if they have a Master’s degree in nursing. This precludes nurses who earn their Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and other nationally recognized clinical doctorates in nursing. This directly impacts DNP graduates of the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene and University of Hawai`i at Hilo School of Nursing. The Master’s degree requirement impedes other states’ APRNs with clinical doctorates in nursing degrees. Amending Section 457-8.5(a)(4) will put Hawai`i in sync with the rest of the Nation and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Consensus Model.

Thank you for your support of nursing and the opportunity to testify.

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