



H.B. 654, H.D. 1 RELATING TO NURSING
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Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of H.B. 654, HD1 Relating to Nursing. My name is Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer with The Queen's Medical Center (QMC). This measure, as amended, now requests nurse licensees to complete the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCFN") survey for biennial nurse license renewal. The original language would have ensured 100% participation. To complete this survey requirement, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Professional and Vocational Licensing Division is also now requested to collaborate with the HSCFN. The intent is for enhanced collaboration between the agencies which would result in improved alignment and communication with all licensed nurses.

The survey is an important component that should be incorporated into the licensure renewal process. This survey can provide more accurate data to support state healthcare workforce planning efforts. As a tertiary medical center, it is critical to keep abreast of current workforce needs and projections. QMC currently employs over 1200 nurses providing direct patient care and this survey data will assist in planning for the future.

With the incorporated amendments suggested by the HSCFN in their testimony, I urge your support of H.B. 654, HD1.

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HB 79, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED 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 79, HD1.

The new language in Section 2 of this bill requests nurse licensees to complete the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (“Center for Nursing”) survey for biennial nurse license renewal. Ideally, requiring this survey would have resulted in 100% participation. However, I support 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.

I recommend 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.

In Section 3 of this measure, the UH Manoa Nursing recommends that the word “required” in the new language to amend Section 457-9(b) be deleted and “requests”, be added the purpose of consistency.

Further HB 654, HD1 addresses 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. 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.

Nurses need to contribute to and be apprised of changes before they can embrace them; whether they are amendments to their nurse practice laws; effects of national/state initiatives on nursing such as the Affordable Care Act; establishment of a continuing education program for continuing competency and lifelong learning; or other issues.

Before change can occur, nurses must be informed of changes to their laws, current research data and government directives in a timely, cost-effective manner. This can be accomplished via email, webinars, other social media.

Should the DCCA collaborate with the Center for Nursing as sister state agencies, we can obtain synergistic, cost-efficient results including but not limited to participation in and alignment with the national initiatives moving forward to address health care reform.

Relief is needed from the current position of the Professional & Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs not to collaborate with the Hawaii State Center for Nursing to resolve this problem.

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

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