

HB 654, HD2, SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO NURSING.

Report Title: Nursing-Related Data; Nursing; Licensing

Description: Amends the membership of the center of nursing advisory board to include three members that are representatives of professional organization relating to health rather than from the Hawaii Nurses' Association. 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. (SD1)

Companion: SB490

Package: None

Current Referral: HRE, CPN

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**PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Thursday, March 28, 2013
9:30 a.m.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 654, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, RELATING TO NURSING.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Nursing. This bill would require the Hawaii State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division ("PVL"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"), 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 also requests that nurse licensees complete the Center's workforce survey during the renewal period.

I would like to inform the Committee that PVL has been working with the Center and that we are continuing to dialogue with the Center to provide them with as much licensee information as legally possible.

The Board has submitted its own testimony so I will be addressing the impacts that the bill may have on PVL.

In SECTION 3, on pages 5 and 6, lines 10 - 22 and 1 - 3, respectively:

- There appears to be no necessity for a memorandum of understanding between PVL and the Center, as the various tasks that must be performed are clearly listed in the bill.

In SECTION 4, on pages 6 and 7, lines 21 - 22 and 1 - 2, respectively:

- We respectfully request that the language regarding the license renewal process and the request to complete a survey be deleted from the proposal. It seems inappropriate that such language be codified in statute.

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 have agreed to include the

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Center's workforce survey at the beginning and the end of the online renewal process
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. 2,
S.D. 1.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING**

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**TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

My name is Matthew Bishop, Chair of the Board of Nursing ("Board").

I appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on House Bill No. 654, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Nursing, that would require 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 "request" that a nurse licensee complete the Center's workforce survey when renewing their nurse license.

The Board supports the intent of the bill with the following amendment:

- Section 3, page 6, lines 21-22 and page 7, lines 1-2, the Board recommends this language be deleted as we feel it is not necessary to amend the statute to merely "request" that a nurse licensee complete a survey in order to renew their nurse license. The Board has agreed to include the link for the Center's workforce survey before and after the online renewal process with a joint statement from

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the Center for Nursing and the Board encouraging nurse licensees to complete the workforce survey. The Board is also working on including the Center for Nursing workforce survey on the Board's web page. These efforts will make the Center's workforce survey more accessible and available.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on House Bill No. 654, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.



Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
March 28, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

by

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HB 654, HD2, SD1 RELATING TO NURSING

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654, HD2, SD1.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (Center for Nursing) appreciates the fact that this measure requests completion of the Center for Nursing' workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements which will help to ensure a more complete assessment of the nursing workforce in Hawai'i.

These changes will better enable Hawai'i to participate in national workforce data surveys and respond to requests in a timely manner. As the Nation moves forward with health care reform, Hawai'i's participation will have positive results for policy formation and resource allocation.

Further, HB 654, HD2, SD1 also addresses Hawai'i's need for centralized communication through which all nurses licensed in the State, employers, policymakers and other stakeholders can contribute to and receive information on practice/regulatory changes, state/federal initiatives and nursing research to assure quality nursing care.

We truly appreciate the assistance of the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing in this effort and hope that this collaboration among sister state agencies can continue well into the future to ultimately benefit Hawai'i consumers.

Therefore, the Center for Nursing respectfully requests that this Committee pass HB 654, HD2, SD1, unamended. We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and commerce in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB654

Submitted on: 3/22/2013

Testimony for CPN on Mar 28, 2013 09:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Yokouchi	Hawaii State Center for Nursing	Support	Yes

Comments: Very strong support!



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The Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone RN MBA
Chief Nurse Executive – Hawaii Pacific Health
Chief Operating Office – Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: **HB 654, HD2, SD1 Relating To Nursing**
Comments in Support

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawaii Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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. Hawaii 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, HD2, SD1 which amends the membership of the center of nursing advocacy board to include three members that are representatives of professional organizations representing health, rather than from the Hawaii Nurses' Association. The measure also 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.

This bill 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



Affiliates of Hawaii Pacific Health

state of Hawai'i will have consequences for policy formation and resource allocation.

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wailua Brandman APRN-Rx BC FAANP	Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN)	Support	No

Comments: Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN), in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill, HB 654, HD2, SD1. HAPN appreciates the fact that this measure requests completion of the Center for Nursing's workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements which will help to ensure a more complete assessment of the nursing workforce in Hawai'i. These changes will better enable Hawai'i to participate in national workforce data surveys and respond to requests in a timely manner. As the Nation moves forward with health care reform, Hawai'i's participation will have positive results for policy formation and resource allocation. Further, HB 654, HD2, SD1 also addresses Hawai'i's need for centralized communication through which all nurses licensed in the State, employers, policymakers and other stakeholders can contribute to and receive information on practice/regulatory changes, state/federal initiatives and nursing research to assure quality nursing care. We truly appreciate the assistance of the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing in this effort and hope that this collaboration among sister state agencies can continue well into the future to ultimately benefit Hawai'i consumers. Therefore, HAPN respectfully requests that this Committee pass HB 654, HD2, SD1, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and for your enduring support and protection of access to nursing care in our great state. With Warmest Aloha, Wailua Brandman APRN-Rx FAANP HAPN Founding President and Legislative Committee Chair



American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawai'i Chapter

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2013
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 229

RE: Testimony in SUPPORT OF HB 654, HD2, SD1, Relating to Nursing

On behalf of the Hawai'i Chapter, American Organization of Nurse Executives ("AONE-Hawaii"), thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of HB 654, HD2, SD1, relating to advanced practice registered nurses.

This measure amends the membership of the center of nursing advisory board to include three members that are representative of professional organizations relating to health rather than from the Hawaii Nurses' Association. 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.

AONE Hawai'i is a non-profit professional organization serving more than 100 member Nurse Executives throughout Hawai'i and is an affiliate of AONE National, which has over 7,000 members nationwide. Our mission is to be the principle membership organization that represents and promotes the profession of Nurse Executives in the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. If we can assist with more information please contact us at (808) 447-1840 or aonehawaii@gmail.com.

Hawaii State Legislature
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Testimony of Kelley Withy, MD, PhD
March 2013

I am writing to express my strong support for HB654. I have performed the physician workforce assessment for Hawaii since 2009 when the Hawaii State Legislature authorized the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine to regularly compile the data on physicians in Hawaii and develop solutions. My findings are that we have maintained a shortfall of physicians that exceeds 600 full time equivalents since 2010. I have been able to do this with the outstanding assistance of the Hawaii DCCA and Board of Medical Examiners because they agreed to include a brief physician survey in the online relicensing process that physicians are asked to complete before they pay for their license renewal. Although this survey is not required for licensure, over 90% of our providers indicate whether they are actively practicing or not. Unfortunately only 50% complete the entire 5 question survey. This data allows me to update my physician database regarding whether a physician is practicing in Hawaii every two years. This is the best source of data we receive and because it comes directly from the source, we feel very secure in estimating how many physicians we have based on this data. Of course we additional follow up phone calls in the intervening years to assess changes, but we depend on the survey information to guide our research.

Of course physician numbers alone do not begin to describe the health workforce in Hawaii. For this reason, I have worked with the Hawaii Association for Physician Assistants to locate the practicing physician assistants in the state, and with the Center For Nursing and other nursing groups to estimate the primary care nurse practitioners working in patient care in Hawaii. Without such survey data, it is much more difficult to locate the PAs and NPs in Hawaii, but my best estimate is that we are short more than 50 primary care PAs and 150 primary care APRNs.

I have developed a new partnership with the CFN to create a similar assessment of APRNs in Hawaii to what we do for physicians. We plan to house the data together so that we can forecast and project more accurately the supply and demand of healthcare providers in Hawaii. But to do this effectively, nursing needs to be able to survey the APRNs at time of licensure. In fact, the single most successful technique for assessing a workforce anywhere in the US has been shown to be surveys at licensure. Therefore I urge you to support this measure and I look forward to being able to report back to you a more complete assessment of the health workforce in Hawaii.

Sincerely, Kelley Withy, MD, PhD
Physician Workforce Researcher working for UH JABSOM

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
March 28, 2013 9:30 a.m.**

**by
Dale M. Allison, PhD, APRN-Rx, FAAN**

HB 654, HD2, SD1 RELATING TO NURSING

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654, HD2, SD1.

I appreciate the fact that this measure requests completion of the State Center for Nursing' workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements which will help to ensure a more complete assessment of the nursing workforce in Hawai'i.

These changes will better enable Hawai'i to participate in national workforce data surveys and respond to requests in a timely manner. As the Nation moves forward with health care reform, Hawai'i's participation will have positive results for policy formation and resource allocation.

Further, HB 654, HD2, SD1 also addresses Hawai'i's need for centralized communication through which all nurses licensed in the State, employers, policymakers and other stakeholders can contribute to and receive information on practice/regulatory changes, state/federal initiatives and nursing research to assure quality nursing care.

It is our hope that the collaboration of the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawaii State Board of Nursing with the State Center for Nursing will continue into the future to ultimately benefit Hawai'i's consumers.

Therefore, I respectfully requests that this Committee pass HB 654, HD2, SD1, unamended. I appreciate your continuing support of nursing and commerce in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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by

**Barbara Molina Kooker, DrPH, APRN, NEA-BC
Vice-Chair, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing**

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by
Glenda Tali, RN, APRN, MSN**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and mahalo for supporting the Center for Nursing. It is vital that the Center receive up to date and adequate information on our nursing workforce and this bill will help establish clearer expectations of information sharing between State agencies. One proposed amendment to the Center board make up--Section 2(b)(2)(C)ii "professional organizations related to nursing" rather than related to health. Mahalo for your consideration.