

# HB 654

## Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO NURSING.

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)

Companion: SB490

Package: None

Current Referral: HRE, CPN

Introducer(s): BELATTI, BROWER, KOBAYASHI, C. LEE, MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NAKASHIMA, WOOLEY, Ing, Onishi, Saiki

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jayson Muraki	Office of the Governor	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: We would like to propose amendments to section 304A-1404(b)(2)(C) HRS

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Testimony for HB 654 HD2  
Relating to Nursing

Committee on Higher Education  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Gil Kahele, Vice Chair

March 14, 2013  
2:45 pm  
Room 414

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee, the Office of the Governor would like to provide an amendment to HB 654 HD2 Relating to Nursing.

It has been brought to our attention that section 304A-1404 (b)(2)(C) Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding the Center for Nursing advisory board requires representation from three members of the Hawaii Nurses' Association (HNA). However, the HNA no longer is involved with policy issues and therefore the Governor is unable to appoint members from this organization.

We respectfully request amending this section to delete reference to the Hawaii Nurses Association and insert language to read:

(C) Three of whom shall represent the professional specialty organizations in nursing.

We understand that there are at least 10 professional specialty nursing organizations from which the Governor would be able to appoint members to the Center for Nursing advisory board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: someone from DCCA will be present at the hearing.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

March 14, 2013  
2:45 p.m.

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

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, 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, 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 2, on pages 3-4, lines 20-22 and 1-13, 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 3, on page 5, lines 9-12:

- 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 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, S.D. 2.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
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TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

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

I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 654, H. D. 2, 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 5, lines 9 through 12, 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. The Board is also collaborating with

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the Center to provide the link to the survey on the Board's webpage with a joint statement from the Board and the Center encouraging nurse licensees to complete the survey. 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 testify on House Bill No. 654, H. D. 2.



Hawaii State Legislature  
HB654  
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 Personal Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Higher Education  
Thursday, March 14, 2013

by  
Jerris Hedges, MD  
Dean and Professor  
John A. Burns School of Medicine

Re: HB 654- In support of Hawai'i Center for Nursing efforts to obtain workforce data

The latest findings from the John A. Burns School of Medicine's ongoing Physician Workforce Assessment, supported by the Hawai'i State Legislature since 2009, shows that our State has a shortfall of 600 full time medical doctors.

To collect this information, our researcher has had outstanding assistance by the Hawai'i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Board of Medical Examiners, who agreed to include a brief physician survey in the online relicensing process that MDs 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.

Physician numbers alone do not begin to describe the health workforce needed statewide. Our lead researcher, Dr. Kelley Withy, has enlisted the assistance of the Hawai'i Association for Physician Assistants to locate practicing physician assistants (PAs) in the State, and with the Hawai'i Center For Nursing (HCFN) and other nursing groups to estimate the advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) working in patient care in Hawai'i. Without such survey data, it is much more difficult to locate the PAs and APRNs in Hawai'i, but Dr. Withy's best estimate is that we are short more than 50 primary care PAs and 150 primary care APRNs.

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so that we can forecast and project more accurately the supply and demand of healthcare providers in Hawai`i. To do this effectively, nursing needs to be able to survey the APRNs at time of licensure—because the single most successful technique for assessing a workforce anywhere in the US has been shown to be surveys at licensure.

The medical school respectfully asks that you support this measure to allow HCFN to obtain licensure information, to ensure a more complete assessment of the health workforce in Hawai`i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



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## Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Higher Education  
Thursday, March 14, 2013, 2:45 P.M.

by

Mary G. Boland, DrPH, RN, FAAN  
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School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 654 HD2 – RELATING TO NURSING

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654, HD2.

HB 654, HD2, is the companion bill to SB 490, SD2. The UH Mānoa Nursing strongly supports both measures which are identical except for Section 1, paragraph 3:

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The UH Mānoa Nursing does not have a preference regarding this phrase. We appreciate the fact that both measures request completion of the Center for Nursing workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements and addresses Hawai'i's need for centralized 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. These changes will also 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.

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

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**by  
Francisco Conde PhD, APRN, FAAN  
Board Member  
Hawai`i State Center for Nursing**

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**by  
Kathy Yokouchi  
Regulatory & Legislative Analyst  
Hawaii State Center for Nursing**

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by

**Beth Hoban, RN  
President, Prime Care Services Hawaii  
Advisory Board, Hawaii State Center for Nursing**

**HB 654, HD2 RELATING TO NURSING**

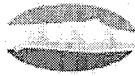
Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654, HD2.

HB 654, HD2, is the companion bill to SB 490, SD2. I support The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (Center for Nursing), who strongly supports both measures which are identical except for Section 1, paragraph 3:

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



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**Conference Room 414**

**The Senate Committee on Higher Education**

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

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

Re: **HB 654, HD2 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, HD2 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.

This measure 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.



Affiliates of Hawai'i Pacific Health

**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
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by

**Anne Scharnhorst, MN, RN-BC  
University of Hawaii Maui College  
Allied Health Department Co-chair**

**HB 654, HD2 RELATING TO NURSING**

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The UHMC Nursing program does not have a preference regarding this phrase. We appreciate the fact that both measures request completion of the Center for Nursing's workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements and addresses Hawai'i's need for centralized 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. These changes will also

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. The college needs accurate workforce data to project how many spots to offer the community in the nursing program, which affects faculty needs, space requirements, revenues, etc.

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



**AONE**

American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawai'i Chapter

March 14, 2013

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

RE: HOUSE BILL 654, HD2, RELATING TO NURSING

Good morning Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Committee. On behalf of the Hawai'i Chapter, American Organization of Nurse Executives ("AONE-Hawai'i"), thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. AONE-Hawai'i **supports** HB 654, HD2, relating to nursing.

This measure 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. The bill also provides that 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. We are 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.

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Comments: Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654, HD2. HB 654, HD2, is the companion bill to SB 490, SD2. The Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN) strongly supports both measures which are identical except for Section 1, paragraph 3: HAPN stands in support of the testimony submitted by the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing. Mahalo for all you do to support and maintain the high standards and quality of nursing in our great state. Warmest Aloha, Wailua Brandman APRN-Rx BC FAANP HAPN Legislative Committee Chair

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March 14, 2013

To: Chair Brian Taniguchi and Members  
Senate Committee on Higher Education  
From: Bob Ogawa, President  
Re: HB 654 HD2 – Nursing-Related Data; Nursing; Licensing

The Hawaii Long Term Care Association (HLTCA) strongly supports HB 654 HD2, which requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Professional and Vocational Licensing Division to collaborate with the Hawaii State Center for Nursing to enable it to obtain nursing-related data. It also provides that the workforce data may be obtained through online survey or other means.

This is the companion measure to SB 490, which this Committee previously approved. It requests the completion of the Center's workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements and addresses Hawaii's need for centralized 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. These changes will also better enable Hawaii to participate in national workforce data surveys and respond to requests in a timely manner. As the Nation moves forward with health care reform, that participation will have positive results for policy formation and resource allocation.

The HLTCA applauds your continued support of nursing and education in Hawaii and urges passage of this proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair

March 14, 2013 at 2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 414

**Supporting HB 654 HD 2: 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, a majority of home health agencies and hospices, as well as long term care facilities and other health care organizations. Our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 654 HD 2, 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 enable HSCN to take appropriate 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.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii supports HB 654 HD 2.

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Written Testimony Presented before the Senate Committee on Higher Education  
by  
Karen Schmaltz, RN, BScN, MS  
Registered Nurse in the State of Hawaii

**Re: HB 654, HD2 Relating to Nursing**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 654, HD2.

Senate Version	House Version
<b>SB 490 SD2</b>	<b>HB 654, HD2</b>
Section 1 Paragraph 3 states: “The legislature additionally finds that the center for nursing has collected nursing-related data through various surveys, including five annual surveys related to nursing programs, three biennial census surveys of registered nurses, and a census survey of licensed practical nurses. The legislature also finds that center for nursing surveys are a valuable way to collect important nursing-related, workforce data and a response to these surveys should be requested as part of the license renewal requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes.”	Section 1 Paragraph 3 states: “The legislature additionally finds that the center for nursing has collected nursing-related data through various surveys, including five annual surveys related to nursing programs, three biennial census surveys of registered nurses, and a census survey of licensed practical nurses. The legislature also finds that center for nursing surveys are a valuable way to collect important nursing-related data, and a response to these surveys should be requested.”

As a nursing leader in the State of Hawaii, I strongly see the need for and support the Hawaii State Center for Nursing in the following ways:

1. Collect nursing-related data through formal surveys linked to licensing renewals. This data is so important and plays a substantial role in the successful planning and provision of healthcare for the people of Hawaii. As a nursing leader, I find the availability of this data immeasurable and rely on this data to plan my current and future professional nursing needs. From a national standpoint, this data allows us to get a good picture of the nursing profession across the nation and allows us to benchmark Hawaii to other States.
2. As a centralized organization for the communication of nursing professionals in the State of Hawaii.  
It is so very important to have a centralized organization in which to communicate to the professional nurses of the State, and through which we can receive nursing related information on practice/regulatory changes, state/federal initiatives and nursing research to assure quality nursing care.
3. Allow nursing professionals from the State of Hawaii to actively participate in the nation’s health care reform and to have a voice in policy formation and resource allocation.

Thank you for supporting nursing and for this opportunity to testify.

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**March 14, 2013, 245 pm  
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**Lenora Lorenzo DNP, APRN, BC-FNP/GNP/ADM, FAANP  
 Nurse Practitioner**

**HB 654, HD2 RELATING TO NURSING**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, **thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654, HD2.**

HB 654, HD2, is the companion bill to SB 490, SD2. I strongly supports both measures which are identical except for Section 1, paragraph 3:

Senate Version	House Version
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I do not have a preference regarding this phrase. I appreciate the fact that both measures request completion of the Center for Nursing’ workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements and addresses Hawai’i’s need for centralized 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. These changes will also 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.

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

Lenora Lorenzo DNP, APRN,  
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**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
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Thursday, March 14, 2013, 2:45 p.m.**

by

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School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene**

**HB 654, HD2 RELATING TO NURSING**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654, HD2.

HB 654, HD2, is the companion bill to SB 490, SD2. The Hawaii State Center for Nursing (Center for Nursing) strongly supports both measures which are identical except for Section 1, paragraph 3:

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Section 1 Paragraph 3 states: "The legislature additionally finds that the center for nursing has collected nursing-related data through various surveys, including five annual surveys related to nursing programs, three biennial census surveys of registered nurses, and a census survey of licensed practical nurses. The legislature also finds that center for nursing surveys are a valuable way to collect important nursing-related, workforce data and a response to these surveys should be requested as part of the license renewal requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes."	Section 1 Paragraph 3 states: "The legislature additionally finds that the center for nursing has collected nursing-related data through various surveys, including five annual surveys related to nursing programs, three biennial census surveys of registered nurses, and a census survey of licensed practical nurses. The legislature also finds that center for nursing surveys are a valuable way to collect important nursing-related data, and a response to these surveys should be requested."

The Center for Nursing does not have a preference regarding this phrase. We appreciate the fact that both measures request completion of the Center for Nursing' workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements and addresses Hawai'i's need for centralized 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. These changes will also 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.

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



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

**HB 654, HD2 RELATING TO NURSING**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654, HD2.

HB 654, HD2, is the companion bill to SB 490, SD2. On behalf of full knowledge of the need for nursing data, I strongly supports both measures which are identical except for Section 1, paragraph 3:

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As an RN and APRN I do not have a preference regarding this phrase. I appreciate the fact that both measures request completion of the Center for Nursing' workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements and addresses Hawai'i's need for centralized 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. These changes will also 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.

I appreciate your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: 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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