

SB 490

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
January 31, 2013, 2:45 p.m.

By

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Chair, Hawaii State Center for Nursing

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Hawai`i State Center for Nursing

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licensure be denied if the survey is not completed. However we are trying to ensure the nursing workforce is accurately reported.

Further, it requires the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to collaborate with the Center for Nursing by rendering assistance and cooperation by sharing nurse licensee:

- contact information, including but not limited to, email addresses, to enable:
conduct research and obtain nursing-related;
- mobilize and connect Hawaii's diverse health care stakeholders and the nursing community;
- provide nurses and stakeholders with information which addresses Hawaii's and the Nation's most pressing health care challenges; i.e., access and quality in the midst of increasing cost; and
- provide models and programs that offer guidance in utilizing nurses more effectively and preparing nursing for the future (including nurses role in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

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Kathy Yokouchi	Hawaii State Center for Nursing	Support	Yes

Comments: In very strong support!

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Matthew Bishop	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Matt Bishop, I currently serve as the President of the Hawaii State Board of Nursing. I am submitting this testimony as a personal objection to this bill. I feel it is not fair to make the nurses in the state of Hawaii be mandated to fill out a survey in order to obtain or renew their nursing license. There is no other state that makes this a requirement for a nursing license. I feel the center for nursing should have access to all the nurses addresses and e-mail in order for better communication but to make the license dependent on completionn of the survey. I am also troubled by the fact that in the bill no other organization, such as the board of nursing, has any say on what the center may choose to aks in their survey. There is also no option to opt-out of the survey and still obtain a license. Many people find workforce surveys to get very personal and involve information that they would rather not share. This is not a good piece of legislation and needs to be removed so the legislators can deal with more pressing issues.

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University of Hawaii Maui College Department of Allied Health appreciates your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Position:

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii strongly supports SB490

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education,

I am Gary Simon, Executive Director of St. Francis Hospice.

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over twenty-five years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii supports the SB490.

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

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Brigitte McKale	AONE Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments: The American Organization of Nurse Executives Hawaii Chapter supports this measure.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
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**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013**

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2:45 p.m.**

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 490, RELATING TO NURSING.

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

My name is Cecilia Mukai, Vice Chair of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 490, 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, making this a renewal requirement.

I would like to preface my comments by informing the Committee that the Board has not yet reviewed this bill, which is scheduled for discussion at the Board's next meeting on February 7, 2013. It is at this meeting that all proposed legislation regarding amendments to Chapter 457, HRS, are slated to be addressed in a public forum which all interested parties may attend.

At the October 4, 2012 Board meeting, representatives from the Center did address the Board regarding the workforce survey and the online nurse renewal process. Previously, the Center's workforce survey was available for nurses who renewed their license online, and was located at the end of the renewal process. At this meeting, the Center requested that the workforce survey be placed at the beginning of the online renewal process. The Board agreed to make the workforce survey available at the beginning and end of the online renewal process. At this meeting, the representatives also stated that they would like the workforce survey to be required in order for a nurse to renew his/her license. The Board, at this meeting, voiced their concerns for mandating a nurse to complete a survey in order to renew his/her license, including but not limited to the possible implications should nurses fail or refuse to complete the survey.

The Board, when it meets, will consider the amendment proposed on page 5, lines 11 - 14, requiring a nurse to complete the Center's survey in order to renew his/her license.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 490.



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The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
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S. B. 490, RELATING TO NURSING
January 31, 2013, 2:45 p.m.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of S.B. 490, Relating to Nursing. My name is Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer of The Queen's Medical Center (QMC). This measure will require the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCFN") survey for biennial nurse license renewal. To complete this survey requirement, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs's Professional and Vocational Licensing Division is required to collaborate with the HSCFN.

The survey is an important component that should be incorporated into the licensure renewal process. This proposal will enable the HSCFN to have 100% participation of Hawaii's nurse licensees, which would then 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.

I urge your support of S.B. 490 and the efforts of HSCFN through this measure.



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The Senate Committee on Higher Education

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

From: Art Gladstone
Chief Nurse Executive
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Re: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 490 Relating to Nursing

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer for Straub Clinic & Hospital. HPH is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai. HPH is 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, 49 outpatient clinics and service sites, more than 5,400 employees and 1,300 physicians on staff.

Hawai'i Pacific Health is writing in support of SB 490 which amends Section 457-9 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to require the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCFN") survey for biennial nurse license renewal. This bill requires the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to collaborate with the HSCFN by rendering assistance and cooperation by sharing nurse licensee contact information, including but not limited to, email addresses, to enable the Center for Nursing to conduct research and obtain nursing-related data, including workforce data of nurses licensed in the State.

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The data collected in this survey is a valuable resource for health care providers as we plan for our future workforce needs.

Hawai'i Pacific Health appreciates your continuing support for nursing and health care in Hawai'i. We ask for your help and support in passing SB 490 from this committee. Thank you.



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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 Senate Bill No. 490, 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 ("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 would also

require that nurse licensees complete the Center's workforce survey in order to renew their licenses, making this a renewal requirement.

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

SECTION 2, on pages 3-4, lines 11-21 and 1-15 respectively:

- This measure requires PVL to provide the Center with "nursing-related data." We strongly believe that this term is too broad and should be more narrowly defined, as it is will create confusion on what kind of information must be provided.
- 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.
- The measure requires PVL to provide email addresses. Currently, we do not require nurses, or any other professional or vocational licensee, to provide an email address as part of the licensing requirements; therefore, email addresses are not maintained in the PVL database.
- When a licensee renews a license via our online renewal process, the email address is used to "confirm" payment of the renewal fees, and for no other purpose. This purpose is disclosed to the licensee; therefore, licensees currently have an expectation of privacy regarding their email address.
- If the Center wants access to contact information from PVL, the statute should clearly specify the type of information, as HRS section 92F-12(b)(2) requires agencies to disclose government records which, pursuant to federal or state law,

are expressly authorized to be disclosed to the person requesting access. This would allow PVL clear authority to disclose the information.

- It should be clarified that any information will be provided “upon request”, so that the bill is not misinterpreted to mandate the reporting of unsolicited information.
- The measure requires PVL to perform research, analysis, and report functions which it is not equipped to provide. Our primary duty is to protect the public by determining if applicants are qualified for licensure. PVL does not have the manpower or resources to comply with this mandate, nor do we believe that it is within our realm of responsibility.

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.

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 the 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

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have also agreed to include the Center's workforce survey at the beginning and the end 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 Senate Bill No. 490.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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Since its establishment in 2003, the Center for Nursing has collected, analyzed, and disseminated nursing workforce data that has been useful to nursing education programs to plan and offer educational programs to address state needs. The proposed requirement will increase the participation rate of Hawai'i's licensed nurses to 100% thereby enabling the Center for Nursing to build a more accurate and robust data hub for statewide nursing workforce data, which will benefit all constituents.

As UH Mānoa Nursing strives to implement the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine Report, "The Future of Nursing", it is critical to have access to current, accurate statewide nursing workforce data to conduct comprehensive enrollment planning and projections to better respond to community needs for the "future nurse" of Hawai'i. Further, the enhanced collaboration with the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on data collection will stimulate opportunities to address Hawai'i's and the Nation's most pressing health care challenges; i.e., access and quality.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas H Joslyn	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Thomas H Joslyn RN, APRN, CRNA, MS 226 Kuuhoa Place Kailua Hawaii 96734 Chair Brian Taniguchi and Members, Senate Committee on Higher Education Dear Senate Chairman and members. I am strongly opposed to SB490 for several reasons. The wording in this bill, that I am opposed to is: shall be required as part of the license renewal requirements under subsection 457-9(a). " No other state in the US makes this survey a "Mandatory" requirement for licensing! I've checked, as have others! I understand that the information that the Center for Nursing would like is valuable and useful and that sharing information with & from the Hawaii Board of Nursing and other higher educational facilities is advantageous for the reasons stated in this bill. However, to make this a requirement for licensing is plain wrong! Many states present a survey at the time of licensing, but they do not make this a mandatory requirement, but a request. My American Association of Nurse Anesthetist (AANA), asks its member to fill out a survey every year our fees, come due for membership. They have 96% participation by our members in completing this survey. I believe that the Nurses of Hawaii would be just as diligent. This information would be available to the Center for Nursing, the BON, and others. I'm sure that you know that information, "on line", is sometimes lost. We all have had information or communication that ends up in cyber space and never gets to the receiver. I can easily see this happening to some nurse, and surprisingly they are delinquent in getting a license, because the Center didn't receive the survey. This could be a major problem and unlawful as the nurse is now working without a license. In addition, the Center for Nursing has sole discretion as to what questions they wish to ask. There is no "over - sight" as to the questions being asked. Some of this information is very private and may be very privileged information to the Nurse. Haven't you had times been asked for information and you don't really want to give that information to the person or group whom is asking for it; as it was too personal! I ask that you not pass this bill for the reasons stated. It's amazing to me, Senators, that we have teachers whom are not required to have random drug screening for employment and licensing, but a nurse can refused his or her license to practice because a survey is not completed. Please, do not pass this bill. Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony. Respectfully submitted. Thomas Joslyn

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by

Lani Tsuneishi, RN MSN]

SB 490 RELATING TO NURSING

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With continued shrinking federal reimbursements, decreased state subsidies, resources are declining for hospitals here. <http://hawaiitribune-herald.com/sections/news/local-news/hospital-ceo-tough-times-may-be-ahead.html> We need the Center for Nursing resources in order to develop strategies that will sustain quality nursing care on the islands. I work at a long term care facility as well as teach part time and the information provided on the local nursing trends that the Center for Nursing provides is invaluable when working in the hospital as well as working with students in the university. It helps us develop realistic long term plans to recruit and retain our best and brightest nursing staff on the island instead of losing them to the mainland.

Further, SB 490 supports the completion of the HSCFN survey as a requirement for nurse licensure renewal in Hawai'i. This requirement would enable the HSCFN to have 100% of the Hawai'i nurse licensee population participate in the survey and allow the Center for Nursing to provide more accurate data to support state workforce planning as the Legislature in its wisdom required in Section 4, Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii of 2003.

My name is Lani Tsuneishi and appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Yvonne Geesey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Creating collaboration between DCCA and the State of Hawaii Center for Nursing is essential and was the original intent when the Center was created by the Legislature. Unfortunately collaboration was not achieved and a mandate to do so may create pathways to truly understand the nursing workforce.

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Sharon Heisner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing my comments regarding this matter. I feel strongly against the imposition of being required to complete any kind of survey or data collection in order to obtain Hawaii State Licensure. There are other ways data can be collected, on ones own free will. This mandation is complete hypocrisy. Again, thank you. I do appreciate your time and consideration in this important matter.

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Cynthia Ramirez, CRNA	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Although I recognize the State Center of Nursing's need for survey information, I do not support mandatory survey completion as a REQUIREMENT of my licensure or license renewal. I believe my license should only represent my competency and education as a nurse anesthetist and not my participation in a survey.

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Further, SB 490 supports the completion of the HSCFN survey as a requirement for nurse licensure renewal in Hawai'i. This requirement would enable the HSCFN to have 100% of the Hawai'i nurse licensee population participate in the survey and allow the Center for Nursing to provide more accurate data to support state workforce planning as the Legislature in its wisdom required in Section 4, Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii of 2003.

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

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Laura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB 490 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 this bill, SB 490, to amend Chapter 457-9, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to require the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCN") survey for biennial nurse license renewal. As a current masters student in nursing, and a registered nurse, continuity, collaboration, and communication between regulatory bodies and nursing profession leaders and advocates, like the HSCFN, is something I look for in the state I choose to practice. Furthermore, increasing access to information from surveys and licensing information will help the HSCFN and the BON serve our community of nurses with more accurate data-driven decisions. This bill requires the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to collaborate with the HSCN by rendering assistance and cooperation by sharing nurse licensee contact information, including but not limited to, email addresses, to enable the center for nursing to conduct research and obtain nursing-related data, including workforce data of nurses licensed in the State. Further, SB 490 supports the completion of the HSCN survey as a requirement for nurse licensure renewal in Hawai'i. This would enable the HSCN to have 100% of the Hawai'i nurse licensee population participate and allow the Center for Nursing to provide more accurate data to support state workforce planning as the Legislature in its wisdom required (in Section 4, Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii of 2003). I appreciate your continuing support of nursing end healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Karen Tessier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a licensed RN working in Hawaii. I understand the importance of having accurate and timely information about the nursing workforce in the state. These data are used by educational institutions planning for enrollment to meet future nursing needs in the community, and by health care providers who employ these nurses. I urge you to support SB 490, to require the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCFN") survey for biennial nurse license renewal. This bill requires the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to collaborate with the HSCFN by rendering assistance and cooperation by sharing nurse licensee contact information, including but not limited to, email addresses, to enable the Center for Nursing to conduct research and obtain nursing-related data, including workforce data of nurses licensed in the State. SB 490 also supports the completion of the HSCFN survey as a requirement for nurse licensure renewal in Hawai'i. This requirement would enable the HSCFN to have 100% of the Hawai'i nurse licensee population participate in the survey and allow the Center for Nursing to provide more accurate data to support state workforce planning, as required by the Legislature in Section 4, Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii of 2003. Thank you for your continuing support of nursing end healthcare in Hawaii.

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

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Elaine Kaneshiro, RN, BSN, CCRN

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I am employed at a local hospital and also a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of nursing graduate program and appreciate your continuing support of nursing end healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Geraldine Doronio, CRNA, MSN
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Dear Senate committee members,

My name is Geraldine Doronio and I am a nurse anesthetist. SB490 "relating to nursing" requires that I would need to complete a survey in order to renew my license in Hawaii. I strongly oppose SB490. I believe there are other ways in order to collect data without having the inconvenience of a mandatory requirement just to renew your license. I would propose that the Center of Nursing distribute surveys via email or mail as other state nursing organizations do. If they are having difficulty receiving participation then they could set up an incentive for filling out the survey (ie.gift card or cash). Please do not pass this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Geraldine Doronio