
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 198, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2003, established the center for nursing to
3 address issues related to the State's current and future
4 shortage of registered nurses and others within the health care
5 workforce who provide nursing care. The center for nursing is
6 required to: collect and analyze data and prepare and
7 disseminate written reports; conduct research on best practices
8 and quality outcomes; develop a plan for implementing strategies
9 to recruit and retain nurses; and research, analyze, and report
10 data related to the retention of the nursing workforce.

11 The legislature further finds that, as the nursing
12 profession transforms to meet a changing health care landscape,
13 the ongoing process of developing a strategic plan requires the
14 center for nursing to have an active, engaged advisory board
15 with members capable of addressing workforce issues in a timely
16 manner. However, the legislature finds that the six labor
17 organization positions on the advisory board have not been
18 filled for many years. This has impeded the advisory board's



1 ability to attain quorum for its monthly meetings and access
2 relevant expertise. This situation has also prevented
3 prospective candidates from sitting on the advisory board and
4 sharing expertise in relevant areas such as nursing practice,
5 research, education, administration, and financing care.

6 The legislature additionally finds that the center for
7 nursing is a member of the National Forum of State Nursing
8 Workforce Centers, and notes that these areas of expertise are
9 represented in other states' nursing workforce centers.

10 Aligning the center for nursing more closely with other
11 states' nursing workforce centers would help the center for
12 nursing meet the challenges of a changing health care landscape
13 and ensure that the center for nursing is able to carry out its
14 mission. To do so, it is necessary that a majority of members
15 on the advisory board comprise nurses or representatives of
16 nursing organizations and other members with backgrounds in
17 critical areas of expertise. Accordingly, amendments to the
18 composition of the center for nursing advisory board are needed.

19 The legislature also notes that amendments to the center
20 for nursing advisory board's powers and duties are necessary, as
21 some powers and duties currently delegated to the advisory board



1 are codified elsewhere in statute or within the purview of the
2 University of Hawaii system.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

4 (1) Decrease the number of voting members on the center
5 for nursing advisory board to nine, a majority of whom
6 shall be nurses or representatives of nursing
7 organizations;

8 (2) Specify the membership of the advisory board to better
9 facilitate the center for nursing's mission;

10 (3) Clarify term limits and appointments to the advisory
11 board; and

12 (4) Amend certain powers and duties of the advisory board.

13 SECTION 2. Section 304A-1404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 **"§304A-1404 Center for nursing; establishment; advisory**

16 **board.** (a) There is established, within the University of
17 Hawaii school of nursing and dental hygiene, a center for
18 nursing.

19 (b) The dean of the school of nursing and dental hygiene,
20 or the dean's designee, shall direct the activities of the
21 center for nursing. There shall be an advisory board composed
22 of [~~fifteen~~] nine voting members, a majority of whom shall be



1 nurses or representatives of nursing organizations, appointed by
2 the governor pursuant to section 26-34 to staggered terms [as
3 ~~follows~~], including:

4 [~~(1) Five members from the business and labor community:~~

5 ~~(A) One of whom shall represent the Healthcare~~
6 ~~Association of Hawaii;~~

7 ~~(B) Two of whom shall represent other business~~
8 ~~entities; and~~

9 ~~(C) Two of whom shall represent labor organizations;~~

10 ~~(2) Five members from the nursing profession:~~

11 ~~(A) One of whom shall represent the American~~
12 ~~Organization of Nurse Executives;~~

13 ~~(B) One of whom shall represent the Hawaii Government~~
14 ~~Employees Association; and~~

15 ~~(C) Three of whom shall represent the Hawaii Nurses'~~
16 ~~Association, provided that:~~

17 ~~(i) Two members shall represent the professional~~
18 ~~component; and~~

19 ~~(ii) One member shall be a non-managerial staff~~
20 ~~nurse;~~

21 ~~(3) Two members from among the State's nurse educators:~~



1 (c) The members of the advisory board for the center for
2 nursing shall serve without compensation.

3 (d) Each appointed member of the advisory board shall
4 serve a term of four years. No member may be appointed to more
5 than two consecutive terms. Any vacancy in an unexpired term
6 shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the
7 unexpired term."

8 SECTION 3. Section 304A-1405, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **"[+]§304A-1405[+] Advisory board for the center for**
11 **nursing; powers and duties.** The advisory board for the center
12 for nursing shall have the powers and duty to:

13 ~~[-1] Employ an executive director and no more than two~~
14 ~~other staff members, at least one of whom shall be an~~
15 ~~independent doctorally prepared nurse researcher;~~

16 ~~[-2] Adopt a mission statement and operational policy;~~

17 ~~[-3]~~ (1) Elect a chairperson;

18 ~~[-4]~~ (2) Establish committees of the board as needed;

19 ~~[-5]~~ (3) Seek input from individuals and community groups
20 interested in the issue of nursing shortages;

21 ~~[-6]~~ (4) Implement the major functions of the center for
22 nursing; and



1 [~~7~~] (5) Seek and accept nonstate funds for carrying out
2 the mission of the center for nursing."

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Center for Nursing; Advisory Board; Members; Powers and Duties

Description:

Amends the composition of the center for nursing advisory board by decreasing the number of voting members on the center for nursing advisory board to nine; specifying the membership of the advisory board to better facilitate the center for nursing's mission; and clarifying term limits and appointments to the advisory board. Amends certain powers and duties of the advisory board. (SD1)

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