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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Institute of  
2 Medicine has asserted that effective workforce planning and  
3 policymaking require better data collection and an improved  
4 information infrastructure. The legislature also finds mention  
5 in the Institute of Medicine's recommendations for building an  
6 "infrastructure for the collection and analysis of  
7 interprofessional health care workforce data" and collaboration  
8 amongst state licensing boards, state nursing workforce centers,  
9 and the Department of Labor in the effort to ensure that the  
10 data are timely and publicly accessible.

11           The legislature further finds that the Hawaii center for  
12 nursing and the school of nursing and dental hygiene of the  
13 University of Hawaii have collaborated with the department of  
14 health, department of human services, department of commerce and  
15 consumer affairs, department of labor and industrial relations,  
16 Hawaii workforce development council, board of nursing, and all  
17 accredited schools of nursing in the State to ensure timely and  
18 publicly accessible data.



1           The legislature additionally finds that the center for  
2 nursing has collected nursing-related data through various  
3 surveys, including five annual surveys related to nursing  
4 programs, three biennial census surveys of registered nurses,  
5 and a census survey of licensed practical nurses. The  
6 legislature also finds that center for nursing surveys are a  
7 valuable way to collect important nursing-related data, and a  
8 response to these surveys should be required.

9           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require:

- 10           (1) The professional and vocational licensing division of  
11 the department of commerce and consumer affairs and  
12 the state board of nursing to collaborate with the  
13 center for nursing to enable the center to obtain  
14 nursing-related data;
- 15           (2) The professional and vocational licensing division to  
16 provide the center for nursing with various  
17 information through a memorandum of understanding; and
- 18           (3) The completion of a survey developed by the center for  
19 nursing as part of the license renewal requirements  
20 under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

21           SECTION 2. Section 304A-1407, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
22 amended to read as follows:



1 " [†]§304A-1407[†] Collaboration with the center for  
2 nursing. (a) The University of Hawaii school of nursing and  
3 dental hygiene, the state board of nursing, other schools of  
4 nursing within the State, professional nursing organizations,  
5 employers in the healthcare industry, and labor unions  
6 representing nurses and healthcare workers shall collaborate  
7 with the center for nursing and provide workforce data to the  
8 center for nursing when requested.

9 (b) The professional and vocational licensing division of  
10 the department of commerce and consumer affairs shall  
11 collaborate with the center for nursing to enable the center for  
12 nursing to obtain nursing-related data, including but not  
13 limited to workforce data of nurses licensed in the State.  
14 Workforce data may be obtained through online surveying or other  
15 cost-effective, efficient methods. A survey developed by the  
16 center for nursing and deemed necessary by the center for  
17 nursing shall be required as part of the license renewal  
18 requirements under section 457-9(a). Through a memorandum of  
19 understanding with the center for nursing, the professional and  
20 vocational licensing division shall:



- 1        (1) Provide nurse licensee contact information, including
- 2        but not limited to email addresses, to the center for
- 3        nursing for purposes of collecting and analyzing data;
- 4        (2) Prepare and disseminate written reports and
- 5        recommendations regarding the current and future
- 6        status and trends of the nursing workforce;
- 7        (3) Conduct research on best practices and quality
- 8        outcomes;
- 9        (4) Develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit
- 10       and retain nurses; and
- 11       (5) Research, analyze, and report data related to the
- 12       retention of the nursing workforce, in accordance with
- 13       section 304A-1406.

14       For purposes of compliance with this section, the center  
 15 for nursing shall abide by the requirements of chapter 92F."

16       SECTION 3. Section 457-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

18       "(a) The license of every person licensed, recognized, or  
 19 granted prescriptive authority shall expire on June 30 of every  
 20 odd-numbered year and shall be renewed biennially, except as  
 21 provided in this section. Biennially in each odd-numbered year,  
 22 the board shall make available an application for renewal of



1 license before the deadline set forth by the board to every  
2 person to whom a license was issued or renewed during the  
3 biennium. The applicant shall complete the application and  
4 submit it to the board with a renewal fee and all required  
5 documents on or before the deadline set by the board. The  
6 applicant shall provide documents from proper agencies or  
7 parties of any criminal conviction or any disciplinary action  
8 taken or pending in this State or any other state in the United  
9 States or any territory or possession under the jurisdiction of  
10 the United States within the two years prior to application for  
11 renewal of license. As part of the license renewal process,  
12 each applicant shall be required to complete a survey developed  
13 by the center for nursing as deemed necessary by the center for  
14 nursing pursuant to section 304A-1407(b). Upon receipt of the  
15 application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the  
16 application and issue to the applicant a certificate of renewal  
17 for the biennium expiring two years hence on the deadline set by  
18 the board. The renewal shall render the holder thereof a legal  
19 practitioner of nursing for the period stated on the renewal  
20 form."

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



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

Nursing; Center for Nursing; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Licensing

**Description:**

Requires the professional and vocational licensing division 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. Requires the professional and vocational licensing division to provide the center for nursing with various information through a memorandum of understanding and requires completion of a center for nursing survey as part of the license renewal requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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