
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, workforce
8 data and a response to these surveys should be requested as part
9 of the license renewal requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii
10 Revised Statutes.

11 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 12 (1) Require the professional and vocational licensing
13 division of the department of commerce and consumer
14 affairs and the state board of nursing to collaborate
15 with the center for nursing to enable the center to
16 obtain nursing-related data;
- 17 (2) Require the professional and vocational licensing
18 division to provide the center for nursing with
19 various information through a memorandum of
20 understanding; and
- 21 (3) Request the completion of a survey developed by the
22 center for nursing as part of the license renewal



1 requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes.

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

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

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



1 understanding with the center for nursing, the professional and
2 vocational licensing division shall provide nurse licensee
3 contact information, including but not limited to email
4 addresses, to the center for nursing to enable the center for
5 nursing to:

- 6 (1) Collect and analyze data;
- 7 (2) Prepare and disseminate written reports and
8 recommendations regarding the current and future
9 status and trends of the nursing workforce;
- 10 (3) Conduct research on best practices and quality
11 outcomes;
- 12 (4) Develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit
13 and retain nurses; and
- 14 (5) Research, analyze, and report data related to the
15 retention of the nursing workforce, in accordance with
16 section 304A-1406."

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

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



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



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

3 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, including but not limited to workforce data of nurses licensed in the State. Requires the professional and vocational licensing division to provide the center for nursing with various information through a memorandum of understanding. Requests completion of a center for nursing survey as part of the license renewal requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Effective 7/1/2050.
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