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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO BOARD MEMBER TERMS FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The board of nursing and the board of speech  
2 pathology and audiology are the only two boards amongst the  
3 professional and vocational licensing division's twenty-five  
4 boards and commissions to have three-year terms for board  
5 members. Although members may be reappointed and serve two  
6 three-year terms consecutively, possibly serving a total of six  
7 years, this time is short compared to the other boards and  
8 commissions that allow for two four-year terms.

9           In addition to being consistent with other board member  
10 terms, longevity and continuity are key for board members to  
11 learn and acclimate themselves in order to become effective  
12 board members. Also, finding members who are willing to  
13 volunteer and give up time away from their "paying" jobs is  
14 often difficult. So once an individual is willing to devote the  
15 time and energy to being a board member, that member should be  
16 allowed to serve as much time as possible.

1           Therefore, the legislature finds that the terms for members  
2 of the board of nursing and the board of speech pathology and  
3 audiology should be amended to provide continuity for effective  
4 board members and to be consistent with other boards and  
5 commissions under the professional and vocational licensing  
6 division of the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

7           The purpose of this Act is to amend the length of the terms  
8 of the members of the board of nursing and the board of speech  
9 pathology and audiology from three years to four years.

10           SECTION 2. Section 457-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12           "**§457-3 State board of nursing; appointment; term of**  
13 **office.** The board shall consist of nine members as follows:

14           (1) Six shall be registered nurses, one of whom shall  
15           be licensed as an advanced practice registered  
16           nurse in this State;

17           (2) One shall be a licensed practical nurse; and

18           (3) Two shall be public members.

19 Both nursing education and direct providers of nursing services  
20 shall be represented on the board. The term of office for  
21 members of the board shall be [~~three~~] four years. No member  
22 shall be appointed to more than two consecutive terms or serve

1 more than [~~six~~] eight consecutive years. Six members of the  
2 board shall be residents of the city and county of Honolulu and  
3 three shall be residents of counties other than the city and  
4 county of Honolulu."

5 SECTION 3. Section 468E-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 "(c) Members shall serve for a term of [~~three~~] four years.  
8 Terms shall begin on the first day of the fiscal year and end on  
9 the last day of the fiscal year."

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall apply to the terms of members  
11 currently serving on the board of nursing and to the terms of  
12 members currently serving on the board of speech pathology and  
13 audiology.

14 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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18 INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Report Title:**

Increase Board Terms from Three to Four Years; Board of Nursing;  
Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology

**Description:**

Amends the board member terms in sections 457-3 and 468E-6(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, from three years to four years to align the terms of members of the Board of Nursing and the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology with the terms of members of the other twenty-three boards and commissions under the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOARD MEMBER TERMS FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY.

PURPOSE: To amend the terms of board members in chapters 457 and 468E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from three years to four years. These amendments would align the terms of members of the board of nursing and the board of speech pathology and audiology with the terms of members serving on twenty-three other boards and commissions under the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division.

MEANS: Amend sections 457-3 and 468E-6(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The purpose of this measure is to amend the length of the terms of members of the board of nursing and the board of speech pathology and audiology from three to four years. The members of these two boards are the only members serving on one of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division's twenty-five boards and commissions to not have the opportunity to serve out regular two four-year terms.

Longevity and continuity are also key for board members to learn and acclimate themselves in order to become effective board members. Finally, finding members who are willing to volunteer and give up time away from their "paying" jobs is often difficult. So individuals willing to devote the time and energy to being board members should be allowed ample time to serve.

Impact on the public: It is not anticipated that this bill will impact the public.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
It is not anticipated that this bill will  
impact the department and other agencies.

GENERAL FUNDS: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: CCA-105.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.