

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 08** , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2415  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Labor & Government Operations, to which was referred H.B. No. 2415 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Governor to enter the State into the multistate Nurse Licensure Compact to allow nurses who are licensed by a home state to practice under a multistate licensure privilege in each party state;
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2026, requires nurses who hold multistate licenses issued by a state other than Hawaii to complete demographic data surveys; and
- (3) Authorize the Board of Nursing to charge different fees for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold a multistate license issued by the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of



Nursing; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawaii Medical Service Association; The Queen's Health System; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; Ohana Pacific Health; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses; Hawai'i-American Nurses Association; and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Board of Nursing; Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; and Hawaii Association for Justice.

Your Committees find that the Nurse Licensure Compact creates a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state nursing boards to provide a streamlined process to allow nurses to become licensed in multiple states. Your Committees note that forty-one states and two territories have enacted the Nurse Licensure Compact thus far. Your Committees further find that adoption of the Nurse Licensure Compact by Hawaii will help address the State's severe health care provider shortage by expediting the licensure requirements for nurses licensed in other states and increasing the ability of nurses to practice across participating jurisdictions, while still maintaining quality and safety.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

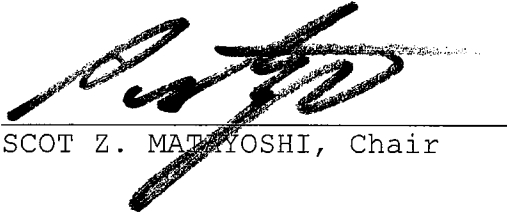
- (1) Clarifying that health care facilities must report to the Board of Nursing that all nurses holding multistate license issued by Hawaii, rather than Washington, have completed the required demographic surveys;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Labor & Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2415, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form



attached hereto as H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 1, and be referred to your  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health &  
Homelessness and Labor &  
Government Operations,



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SCOT Z. MATSUMOTO, Chair



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2415</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HLT/LGO, CPL, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/7/24</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	/			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	/			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
6. MARTEN, Lisa	/			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
8. GARCIA, Diamond				/
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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