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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is a matter of  
2 statewide concern to support the continued training of advanced  
3 practice registered nurses to address the State's critical  
4 shortage of primary care providers. The legislature further  
5 finds that an advanced practice registered nurse residency  
6 program will assist advanced practice registered nurses in the  
7 transition to professional clinical care settings and address  
8 the experience gap that is occurring in the nursing profession  
9 since more primary care providers are needed due to the  
10 Affordable Care Act. Advanced practice registered nurses who  
11 complete a residency program will be highly qualified and  
12 competent to fill the needed health care provider roles and  
13 deliver high quality patient care.

14           The purpose of this Act is to establish an advanced  
15 practice registered nurse residency program at the University of  
16 Hawaii center for nursing to transition newly graduated advanced  
17 practice registered nurses to a clinical workplace.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to subpart E of part IV to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§304A- Advanced practice registered nurse residency  
5 program; establishment; center for nursing. (a) There is  
6 established, within the University of Hawaii center for nursing,  
7 an advanced practice registered nurse residency program. The  
8 program shall be a six to nine-month training program that  
9 provides new advanced practice registered nurse graduates with  
10 clinical practice under the tutelage of an advanced practice  
11 registered nurse within the different specialties to improve  
12 patient care and satisfaction.

13 (b) The dean of the University of Hawaii school of nursing  
14 and dental hygiene shall be responsible for:

15 (1) Developing and implementing the residency program in  
16 cooperation with the nursing profession, medical  
17 residency programs, hospitals, and clinics located  
18 throughout the State;

19 (2) Using the Fellowship and Residency Electronic  
20 Interactive Database Access System or developing an  
21 alternate selection process and procedures to select



1           resident advanced practice registered nurses; provided  
2           that eligible participants shall:

3           (A) Be graduates of an accredited graduate nursing  
4           program that is recognized by the Accreditation  
5           Commission for Education in Nursing or the  
6           Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education;

7           (B) Hold a current unencumbered license under chapter  
8           457, as an advanced practice registered nurse in  
9           this State; and

10          (C) Have less than twelve months of experience  
11          working in their field of licensure,

12          provided that a person who is in the final semester or  
13          has recently completed an eligible advanced practice  
14          registered nurse program may apply for the advanced  
15          practice registered nurse residency program if the  
16          person obtains licensure prior to participating in the  
17          program;

18          (3) Determining where residency education and training  
19          shall be established, giving priority consideration to  
20          communities in the State where the population,  
21          hospital facilities, number of advanced practice



1           registered nurses, and interest in the nursing  
 2           profession are conducive to success of residency  
 3           education and training and will benefit the provision  
 4           of health care in the State; and

5           (4) Adopting rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate  
 6           the purpose of this section, including determining  
 7           finances and penalties for violations of subsection (d).

8           (c) Any stipends for the advanced practiced registered  
 9           nurses in the advanced practice registered nurse residency  
 10          program shall be paid from the general medical education fund.

11          (d) Upon completion of the advanced practice registered  
 12          nurse residency program, an advanced practice registered nurse  
 13          shall be required to commit to two years of full time employment  
 14          at the facility where the residency occurred in the State."

15           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
 17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
 18 sum of \$                    or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
 19 fiscal year 2018-2019 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

20 The sums appropriated shall be allocated as follows:

21           (1) \$                    for fiscal year 2017-2018; and



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1           \$           for fiscal year 2018-2019,  
 2           for one permanent, full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
 3           program coordinator position; and  
 4       (2) \$           for fiscal year 2017-2018; and  
 5           \$           for fiscal year 2018-2019,  
 6           for one permanent, full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)  
 7           clinical placement coordinator position,  
 8       within the University of Hawaii center for nursing to coordinate  
 9       the residency opportunities and residency positions available  
 10       between the center for nursing and the participating hospitals  
 11       and other health care facilities.

12           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
 13       of Hawaii for purposes of this Act.

14           SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

15           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Residency Program; UH Center for Nursing; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes and appropriates funds for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Residency Program at the University of Hawaii Center for Nursing.

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