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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 198, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2003 (Act 198), established the Hawaii state  
3 center for nursing to collect and analyze data and prepare and  
4 disseminate written reports and recommendations regarding the  
5 current and future status and trends of the nursing workforce;  
6 conduct research on best practices and quality outcomes; develop  
7 a plan for implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses;  
8 and research, analyze, and report data related to the retention  
9 of the nursing workforce. Act 198 also requires that nurses  
10 fund the activities of the Hawaii state center for nursing  
11 through an additional fee assessed upon the issuance and renewal  
12 of each nurse license.

13           The purpose of this Act is to:

14           (1) Require all nurses to respond to the center for  
15           nursing workforce supply survey in conjunction with  
16           license renewal; provided that license renewal shall  
17           not be contingent upon responding to the workforce



1 supply survey and failure to respond to the workforce  
2 supply survey shall not result in encumbrance of the  
3 nurse's license; and

4 (2) Increase the center for nursing fee from \$40 to \$60  
5 per license biennium.

6 SECTION 2. Section 457-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

8 "(a) The license of every person licensed or granted  
9 prescriptive authority shall expire on June 30 of every odd-  
10 numbered year and shall be renewed biennially, except as  
11 provided in this section. Biennially in each odd-numbered year,  
12 the board shall make available an application for renewal of  
13 license before the deadline set forth by the board to every  
14 person to whom a license was issued or renewed during the  
15 biennium. The applicant shall complete the application and  
16 submit it to the board with a renewal fee, and shall also  
17 submit, beginning with the July 1, 2019, licensing biennium, a  
18 full set of electronic fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining  
19 federal and state criminal history record checks in accordance  
20 with section 846-2.7 directly to the Hawaii criminal justice  
21 data center for processing with the Federal Bureau of



1 Investigation. The applicant shall bear the cost of the  
2 fingerprint processing and the application shall not be  
3 considered complete until the results of the criminal history  
4 record check has been received by the board; 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. Upon receipt of the application and fee,  
12 the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and issue  
13 to the applicant a certificate of renewal for the biennium  
14 expiring two years hence on the deadline set by the board. The  
15 renewal shall render the holder thereof a legal practitioner of  
16 nursing for the period stated on the renewal form. The  
17 applicant shall respond to the center for nursing workforce  
18 supply survey in conjunction with license renewal; provided that  
19 license renewal shall not be contingent upon responding to the  
20 center for nursing workforce supply survey and failure to  
21 respond to the center for nursing workforce supply survey shall



1 not result in encumbrance of the applicant's license. For  
 2 purposes of this subsection, "center for nursing workforce  
 3 supply survey" means the nursing workforce supply survey  
 4 conducted biennially by the center for nursing that asks nurses  
 5 to provide information about their demographics, specialty,  
 6 setting of work, and other information necessary to inform the  
 7 State on the status and characteristics of the State's nursing  
 8 workforce."

9 SECTION 3. Section 457-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 10 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11 "[+] (a) [+] Upon the issuance of a new license and at each  
 12 license renewal period, each nurse shall pay an additional fee  
 13 of [~~\$40,~~ \$60, which shall be deposited in a separate account in  
 14 the compliance resolution fund established pursuant to section  
 15 26-9(o)."

16 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.

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**Report Title:**

Center for Nursing; Workforce Supply Survey; License Fees;  
Increase

**Description:**

Requires all nursing license applicants to respond to the center for nursing workforce supply survey in conjunction with license renewal; provided that failure to respond to the workforce supply survey shall not impact license renewal or result in encumbrance of the license. Increases the center for nursing fee from \$40 to \$60 per license biennium. Effective 7/1/2060.  
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