
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO INVESTIGATE AND ADDRESS
THE FEASIBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF A NURSING PROGRAM AT
HONOLULU COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

1 WHEREAS, nursing demands in the State have increased
2 significantly, which is further exacerbated by a dire statewide
3 nursing shortage; and

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5 WHEREAS, nursing vacancies have a negative effect on
6 patient access, quality of care, and nurses' morale; and

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8 WHEREAS, Kalihi, which encompasses the surrounding
9 neighborhoods of Iwilei, Palama, and Liliha, has a large number
10 of Oahu's most vulnerable populations including individuals with
11 chronic health conditions and individuals experiencing
12 homelessness; and

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14 WHEREAS, vulnerable populations within Kalihi and the
15 surrounding area are more prone to developing health problems
16 such as diseases of the extremities and skin disorders, and face
17 an increased risk of physical assault or sexual violence; and

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19 WHEREAS, there are insufficient qualified health care
20 professionals, including nurses, in Kalihi to address and
21 fulfill physical and mental health care needs for individuals
22 with chronic health conditions or experiencing homelessness; and

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24 WHEREAS, numerous licensed assisted living homes, including
25 Level 1 adult residential care homes, community care foster
26 family homes and long-term care facilities, operate in Kalihi
27 and the surrounding neighborhoods; and

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29 WHEREAS, currently, Kapiolani Community College offers the
30 only community college-level nursing program within urban
31 Honolulu; and
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1 WHEREAS, a 2017 study published in the Cureus Journal of
2 Medical Science found that medicine rotations in inner-city
3 areas did not impact attitudes towards individuals with chronic
4 health conditions or experiencing homelessness; and

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6 WHEREAS, providing students from Kalihi and the surrounding
7 neighborhoods with opportunities to participate in rotations
8 with health care providers in the area may address vacancies in
9 the ongoing nursing shortage, offer students educational and
10 professional opportunities closer to home, and allow students to
11 work closely with community partners experiencing critical needs
12 to support vulnerable populations; and

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14 WHEREAS, the ability to empathize and understand the needs
15 of vulnerable individuals undergoing treatment creates
16 opportunities to understand the complexity of providing medical
17 care, improves cross-cultural communication skills, and provides
18 a stronger network of health care providers with a unique
19 understanding of the community; and

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21 WHEREAS, developing a nursing program within Honolulu
22 Community College may also motivate students to pursue education
23 beyond a community college-level education, which may lead to an
24 increase of highly skilled nurses in the State; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii is
29 requested to examine the feasibility and accessibility of the
30 development and implementation of a nursing program at Honolulu
31 Community College; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
34 requested to submit a report of its findings and
35 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
36 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
37 the Regular Session of 2023; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
41 University of Hawaii System, Vice President for Community
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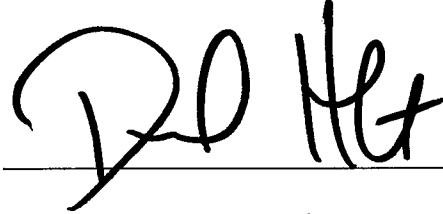


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1 Colleges of the University of Hawaii, Chancellor of Honolulu
2 Community College, and Chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama
3 Neighborhood Board.

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