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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is currently  
2 one location in the State for newly graduated nursing students  
3 to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)  
4 administered by Pearson Education, Inc., to get their license.  
5 The limitation of the testing site places a significant burden  
6 on many new graduates who are requested to pay for lodging,  
7 travel, and other related costs to take the test on Oahu.

8           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the  
9 department of health to establish one Pearson VUE Authorized  
10 Test Center in each of the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui  
11 to offer and expand the testing availability of the NCLEX for  
12 nurses.

13           SECTION 2. (a) The department of health shall:

14           (1) Identify one facility in each of the counties of  
15           Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui that has the capability to  
16           establish a Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center;



1           (2) Equip each facility identified in paragraph (1) with  
2           the technical and facility requirements necessary for  
3           a Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center; and

4           (3) No later than                   , submit an application for each  
5           facility identified and equipped with the technical  
6           and facility requirements pursuant to paragraphs (1)  
7           and (2) to Pearson Education, Inc. to be authorized  
8           and contracted as a Pearson VUE Authorized Test  
9           Center.

10          (b) The department shall submit a report of its findings  
11          and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
12          legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
13          the regular session of                   .

14          (c) For the purposes of this section:

15                 "Department" means the department of health.

16                 "Pearson Education, Inc." refers to the educational  
17          publishing and services subsidiary of the international  
18          corporation Pearson plc.

19                 "Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center" refers to a test  
20          center contracted and authorized by Pearson Education, Inc. to  
21          offer certification exams.



1 "Technical and facility requirements" means the  
2 requirements listed on the application for a Pearson VUE  
3 Authorized Test Center as posted on the website of Pearson  
4 Education, Inc.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 1596

**Report Title:**

DOH; National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Nurses; Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center; Possible Test Sites; Identification; County of Hawaii; County of Kauai; County of Maui; Report

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Health to identify one facility in each of the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui that has the capability to establish a Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center as a test site to administer a NCLEX for nurses; equip each facility identified with the technical and facility requirements necessary for a Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center; and submit an application for each facility to Pearson Education, Inc. to be authorized and contracted as a Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center. Requires a report to the Legislature.

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