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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 obtain their  
5 license. The limitation of the testing sites places a  
6 significant burden on many new graduates who are requested to  
7 pay for lodging, travel, and other related costs to take the  
8 test on Oahu.

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

14           SECTION 2. (a) The state board of nursing shall:

15           (1) Identify one facility in each of the counties of  
16           Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui that has the capability to  
17           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  
5           each facility identified and equipped with the  
6           technical and facility requirements pursuant to  
7           paragraphs (1) and (2) to Pearson Education, Inc. to  
8           be authorized and contracted as a Pearson VUE  
9           Authorized Test Center.

10          (b) The board shall submit a report of its findings and  
11         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                 "Board" means the state board of nursing.

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 on December 31,  
6 2050.



**Report Title:**

State Board of Nursing; 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 State Board of Nursing 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 National Council Licensure Examination 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. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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