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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF REGENTS  
TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI CAMPUS.

1           WHEREAS, the demand for healthcare services in the County  
2 of Maui is increasing due to a growing and aging population; and  
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4           WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for highly qualified  
5 nursing professionals to meet the healthcare needs of the  
6 community; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Maui College currently  
9 offers a Practical Nurse Certificate of Achievement and an  
10 Associate in Science in Nursing degree, which prepare students  
11 for entry-level nursing positions; and  
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13           WHEREAS, students who complete the Associate in Science in  
14 Nursing Program have the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of  
15 Science in Nursing degree through the University of Hawaii at  
16 Manoa, commonly known as the "Hawaii Statewide Nursing  
17 Consortium"; and  
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19           WHEREAS, since 2012, less than twenty percent of the  
20 Associate in Science in Nursing graduates have enrolled and  
21 completed the Hawaii Statewide Nursing Consortium, due to a  
22 majority of those individuals being in the Maui nursing  
23 workforce; and  
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25           WHEREAS, an estimated twenty percent of the Maui Associate  
26 in Science in Nursing Program graduates have enrolled in an  
27 out-of-state online Bachelor of Science in Nursing program; and  
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29           WHEREAS, establishing a dedicated Bachelor of Science in  
30 Nursing program at the University of Hawaii Maui College will  
31 provide Maui residents with an uninterrupted pathway for more



1 advanced nursing knowledge along with greater advancement  
2 opportunities; and  
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4 WHEREAS, while Oahu nursing schools have been unable to  
5 expand enrollment due to a lack of available clinical  
6 placements, Maui healthcare facilities have ample available  
7 clinical placements for Maui nursing students to gain real-world  
8 experience that is necessary to earn their degrees; now,  
9 therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of  
14 Hawaii President and Board of Regents are urged to establish a  
15 Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of  
16 Hawaii Maui College; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature affirms the  
19 importance of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the  
20 University of Hawaii Maui College and recognizes that additional  
21 nurse graduates would help to address the State's nurse  
22 shortage; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Board  
25 of Regents is requested to allocate appropriate resources and  
26 support to develop and implement the Bachelor of Science in  
27 Nursing program, including faculty recruitment, curriculum  
28 development, and necessary facilities; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
32 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the President of the  
33 University of Hawaii System, and the Chancellor of the  
34 University of Hawaii Maui College.  
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