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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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