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S.B. NO. 2274

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Center for Nursing.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003 (Act 198), established the Hawaii state center for nursing to collect and analyze data and prepare and disseminate written reports and recommendations regarding the current and future status and trends of the nursing workforce; conduct research on best practices and quality outcomes; develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses; and research, analyze, and report data related to the retention of the nursing workforce. Act 198 also requires nurses to fund the activities of the Hawaii state center for nursing through an additional fee assessed upon the issuance and renewal of each nurse license.

The purpose of this Act is to increase the center for nursing fee from \$40 to \$60 per licensing biennium.

SECTION 2. Section 457-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Upon the issuance of a new license and at each license renewal period, each nurse shall pay an additional fee of [~~\$40~~] \$60, which shall be depos-

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ited in a separate account in the compliance resolution fund established pursuant to section 26-9(o).”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

(Approved June 17, 2022.)