HB 3198 RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING SPECIAL FUND

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Chair Tommy Waters, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai’i State Center for Nursing was established by the Hawai’i State Legislature in 2003 to address the nursing shortage.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify that the Center for Nursing is established at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa and that the special fund for the Center for Nursing is administered by the University of Hawai’i.

The mission of the Hawai’i State Center for Nursing is to assure that the State of Hawai’i has the nursing resources necessary to meet the health care needs of its people.

The areas of responsibility are:

- Collect and analyze data 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
- Research, analyze and report data related to the retention of the nursing workforce

The Center for Nursing is at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa and the special fund for the Center is administered by the University of Hawai’i.

This technical amendment refines the language in the original bill to facilitate the fiscal operation of the Hawai’i State Center for Nursing under the authority of the University of Hawai’i. It clarifies the administrative authority of the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene in order to ensure administrative consistency with other funds of the University of Hawai’i. The requested language change provides for administrative efficiency and effectiveness.

This bill contains no substantive changes to the original legislation and has no impact on the public nor on any other state of Hawai’i departments or agencies.