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SB 2862 – RELATING TO NURSING

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the House Committee on 
Judiciary, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB 
2862 Relating to Nursing.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing “Nursys” is the only national verification 
database for nurse licensure, discipline, and practice privileges for registered nurses 
(RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs). Data is submitted to Nursys directly by the 
participating Boards of Nursing (BONs) nationwide and uses a secured mechanism for 
data transfer. BONs may utilize Nursys to verify a nurse’s licensure details, enter and 
review disciplinary actions, enhance communication between participating BONs, 
nationwide, and retrieve discipline and other reports. Currently, Hawai‘i BON, Kansas 
BON, Louisiana Practical Nursing BON, and Oklahoma BON are the remaining states 
that do not participate in Nursys. Alabama BON has recently signed an agreement, 
joining the existing 52 BONS nationwide in Nursys participation.

In addition to increasing timely information access to the BON for license verification, 
discipline, and practice privileges, Nursys may be used by the employers and individual 
nurses for license verification. Employers may use Nursys to verify a nurse’s license 
and status and may use bulk processing to accommodate for an entire nursing staff. 
This program may offer increased efficiency for personnel management in health care 
systems for employers in addition to the potential positive impacts to the Hawai‘i BON. 
For individuals, nurses may use Nursys to verify existing or previously held licenses 
from a Nursys participating state when seeking license endorsement into a state.

Utilizing Nursys in Hawai‘i will support a cohesive system of receiving accurate and up-
to-date information about nursing licenses and backgrounds to ensure the quality of 
nursing and the safety of the public.

Thank you for your continued support for Hawai‘i’s nurses and ensuring a safe and 
quality health care system. The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa School of Nursing and 
Dental Hygiene respectfully requests that the House Committee on Judiciary pass SB 
2862 Relating to Nursing without amendments.