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HB 654 HD2 – RELATING TO NURSING

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 654, HD2.

HB 654, HD2, is the companion bill to SB 490, SD2. The UH Mānoa Nursing strongly supports both measures which are identical except for Section 1, paragraph 3:

Senate Version	House Version
SB 490 SD2	HB 654, HD2
Section 1 Paragraph 3 states: “The legislature additionally finds that the center for nursing has collected nursing-related data through various surveys, including five annual surveys related to nursing programs, three biennial census surveys of registered nurses, and a census survey of licensed practical nurses. The legislature also finds that center for nursing surveys are a valuable way to collect important nursing-related, workforce data and a response to these surveys should be requested as part of the license renewal ”	Section 1 Paragraph 3 states: “The legislature additionally finds that the center for nursing has collected nursing-related data through various surveys, including five annual surveys related to nursing programs, three biennial census surveys of registered nurses, and a census survey of licensed practical nurses. The legislature also finds that center for nursing surveys are a valuable way to collect important nursing-related data, and a response to these surveys

requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes.”	should be requested.”
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The UH Mānoa Nursing does not have a preference regarding this phrase. We appreciate the fact that both measures request completion of the Center for Nursing workforce survey as part of the license renewal requirements and addresses Hawai'i's need for centralized communication through which all nurses licensed in the State can contribute to and receive information on practice/regulatory changes, state/federal initiatives and nursing research to assure quality nursing care. These changes will also better enable Hawai'i to participate in national workforce data surveys and respond to requests in a timely manner. As the Nation moves forward with health care reform, Hawai'i's participation will have positive results for policy formation and resource allocation.

The UH Mānoa Nursing appreciates your continuing support of nursing and commerce in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.