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HB 1881 – RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR 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 1881.

UH Mānoa Nursing supports the proposed changes to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing's (HSCN) advisory board membership. The change will align it more closely with other workforce centers in the Nation and encourage the collaboration of persons with the technical expertise, knowledge, and experience needed to fulfill the HSCN's mission¹.

In addition, this measure amends Section 304A-1405 by specifying the length of a member's term and the number of terms a member may serve and the filling of a vacancy which occurs during a member's term

This measure further amends Section 304A-1405 by amending two of the seven powers and duties of the advisory board by:

- First, repealing the advisory board's ability to employ an executive director and two other staff members, as only the University of Hawai'i System has the authority to hire employees on its campuses.
- Second, repealing the advisory board's ability to adopt a mission statement and operational policy. The mission of the HSCN is set forth in Section 304A-1404, HRS, and the operational policy of the HSCN is determined by the University of Hawai'i System.

Therefore, UH Mānoa Nursing respectfully requests that this Committee pass HB 1881, unamended. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ Act 198, SLH 2003