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## Legislative Testimony

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### HB 2360 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE ADVISORY BOARD

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2360 relating to the Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene is in support of making an adjustment to the nursing representative on the Hawai'i Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board. Currently, HRS 371-19.2 notes that one member shall represent a nurse training program. This bill, HB 2360, instead proposes that the director of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing be a member of the Hawai'i Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 2003 "to address nursing workforce issues" (Act 198). Therefore, it is appropriate for the director to serve on the Hawai'i Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board due to the director's role and area of expertise. The director's participation will facilitate the coordination of efforts in healthcare workforce planning and initiatives as well as provide an effective means for disseminating information, as appropriate, to the Center's established networks and nursing constituency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2360.