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SCR 53, SD1 – REQUESTING COLLABORATION AMONG VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY AND REMOVE BARRIERS RELATING TO WORKFORCE DATA SHARING AND NURSING PRACTICE IN THE STATE

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SCR 53, SD1. This measure requests that the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing (BON), Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (PVLD), Department of the Attorney General work with the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (Center for Nursing) to:

• Identify and remove barriers that prevent the Center for Nursing from sharing its data;
• Identify and remove barriers that prevent the BON and PVLD from fully implementing recent legislation relating to nursing.

SCR 53, SD1 further requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to compile the agencies' findings and recommendations into a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2013 Legislative Session.

UH Mānoa Nursing supports SCR 53, SD1 for the reasons set forth in this measure and is confident that the collective expertise of these agencies will bring about cost-effective, innovative, and synergistic solutions which will ultimately benefit Hawai'i consumers.

We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawaiʻi. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.