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HB 354 HD2 – RELATING TO NURSES

Chair Green, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 354 HD2.

UH Mānoa Nursing participated in the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) Continuing Education Joint Advisory Committee (CEJAC) and supports their findings that continuing competency requirements may be implemented in the state without fiscal burden to nurses, their employers, or academic institutions.

UH Mānoa Nursing is engaged with statewide community and academic partners in many of the recommended Institute of Medicine's *Future of Nursing*¹ activities that also meet the proposed learning activity options noted in HB 354 HD2. These activities include supporting new graduates in residency programs, increasing the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree, and increasing the number of nurses with a doctorate degree in nursing.

UH Mānoa Nursing commends the Hawai'i State Legislature to expand the statewide efforts to support the *Future of Nursing* recommendation to engage nurses in lifelong learning through the favorable consideration of HB 354 HD2. Additionally, UH Mānoa Nursing agrees with the changes recommended by the HSCN.

Therefore, the UH Mānoa Nursing respectfully requests your support of this measure with amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ Institute of Medicine (IOM). (2011). *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. Available at: <http://www.thefutureofnursing.org/IOM-Report>