



Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

Senator Shan S. Tsutsui
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Tsutsui:

The Hawaii State Center for Nursing is pleased to submit the second of three status reports on Senate Concurrent Resolution 167, Senate Draft 2, requesting the Hawaii State Center for Nursing to evaluate the need for and resources required to establish a continuing education program for nurses. The report is attached.

The Continuing Education Joint Advisory Committee (CEJAC) continued to meet monthly throughout 2011 lead by co-chairs Dean Mary Boland, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and Art Gladstone representing the Healthcare Association of Hawai'i. Accomplishments this year include; adoption of a continuing competency program that includes a nurse self-assessment tool; nationwide assessment of continuing competency requirements and associated cost; and several informational community presentations (two on Hawai'i Island).

The center also engaged Kathleen Yokouchi, retired Board of Nursing executive officer, in a compensated consultative role as a resource to the committee. The Queen's Medical Center and Hawai'i Pacific Health contributed funding to support her salary.

Straub also generously offered their conference center as our meeting location however; teleconferencing has been the primary mechanism for meeting participation. There has been a noticeable decrease in meeting attendance and communication will be a key focus in 2013.

Limited resources to conduct the study continue to be our greatest challenge. The center absorbed related expenses in addition to providing administrative support to the committee. Healthcare providers, nursing programs and professional nursing organizations support and recognize the value of the effort, however are unable to commit additional resources.

I can be reached via e-mail at gtiwanak@hawaii.edu to provide clarification or additional information.

Sincerely,

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