



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

July 2, 2019

GOV. MSG. NO. 1307

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB658 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO HEALTH.
ACT 205 (19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that advanced practice
2 registered nurses fill many critical roles in the health care
3 system alongside physicians, including practicing medicine
4 independently, practicing as clinicians, and filling medical
5 leadership positions. Despite advanced practice registered
6 nurses filling a critical service gap in health care in the
7 State, the department of health's administrative rules reserve
8 the role of medical director exclusively for physicians.

9 The legislature finds that community discussion is needed
10 to explore the feasibility of including advanced practice
11 registered nurses in medical director roles. Numerous issues
12 must be considered before any statutory changes are made,
13 including ensuring that proposed statutory definitions do not
14 infringe on the rights of health care entities to self-govern
15 and freely determine staff qualifications; determining the
16 appropriate nomenclature to be used when describing the
17 practical role of medical director, as this role varies greatly



1 depending on the size and type of facility; and researching and
2 reconciling any compliance implications stemming from the
3 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and other
4 federal regulations regarding qualifications of medical
5 directors.

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish a working group to
7 research and make recommendations to permit advanced practice
8 registered nurses to be eligible for medical leadership
9 positions.

10 SECTION 2. (a) The department of health shall establish
11 and convene the advanced practice registered nurse medical
12 leadership working group to research and make recommendations to
13 permit advanced practice registered nurses to be eligible for
14 medical leadership positions and identify any exceptions,
15 federal regulations, or other circumstances under which
16 eligibility for positions of medical director or medical
17 director-analogs may be inappropriate.

18 (b) The advanced practice registered nurse medical
19 leadership working group shall consist of the following members:

20 (1) The director of health or the director's designee;



- 1 (2) The director of commerce and consumer affairs or the
2 director's designee;
- 3 (3) The director of the Hawaii center for nursing or the
4 director's designee;
- 5 (4) A representative from a health care facility trade
6 association to be appointed by the chairperson; and
- 7 (5) Other representatives from health care or academia, as
8 requested by the director of health.

9 The director of health or the director's designee shall
10 serve as the chairperson of the working group.

11 (c) The advanced practice registered nurse medical
12 leadership working group shall be exempt from part I of chapter
13 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

14 (d) The advanced practice registered nurse medical
15 leadership working group shall submit a report of its findings
16 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
17 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
18 the regular session of 2020.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



APPROVED this 02 day of JUL, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop under the "I".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 658, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

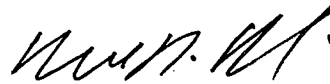


Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 5, 2019
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the
Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate