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TO: All Hawaii Licensed LPNs and RNs

FROM: The Hawaii State Board of Nursing

SUBJECT: 2015 Legislation

Act 27, SLH 2015, Relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (SB 729)

On May 1, 2015, Governor Ige signed SB 729 into law that further clarifies the role of the advanced practice registered nurse in HRS Chapter 334 relating to emergency hospital admission and involuntary hospitalization.

Act 127, SLH 2015, Relating to Nurses (HB 354, HD2, SD1)

On June 19, 2015, Governor Ige signed HB 354, HD2, SD1 into law that requires licensed registered nurses and license practical nurses to submit evidence of completed continuing competency requirements prior to the renewal of the license starting with the July 1, 2017 biennium. See the "Frequently Asked Questions on Continuing Competency Requirements" for more detail on this new requirement.