

URGENT ACTION NEEDED!

Contact Hawai'i Legislators Today on Safe Staffing



Aloha HNHP members

As we move into the next phase of our advocacy for safe patient staffing ratios, we need a coordinated and personal outreach effort to ensure our voices are heard at the State Capitol. Our primary goal right now is to thank the legislators who have stepped up as champions for Hawaii's nurses and to request critical hearings for the current session for **House Bill 1865 and Senate Bill 2763.**

Please follow the instructions below to begin your outreach immediately.

1. Engagement Instructions & Tone

When communicating with legislators, our effectiveness relies on being personable, respectful, and honest. These are public servants who need to hear the real-world impact of staffing levels on patient care and your professional well-being.

- **Be Personable:** Start by identifying yourself as a constituent and a professional. Use the "Personalization Formula" below.
- **Be Respectful:** Always address them by their formal titles (Senator [Last Name] or Representative [Last Name]).
- **Be Honest:** Share briefly why this bill matters to you specifically.
- **The Personalization Formula:** > "My name is [Name], a [Number] year nurse at [Facility] in [Location]. I am a lifelong Hawaii resident and voter in your district, and I am reaching out to ask you for your support of HB1865/SB2763."

2. Outreach Targets & Contact Information

A. Thanking Our Senate Lead

Please send a personalized email and, if possible, place a brief phone call to Senator Keohokalole to thank him for his leadership in introducing SB2763.

- Senator Jarrett Keohokalole (District 24)
 - Email: senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov
 - Phone: 808-586-7210

B. Thanking our House Sponsors (Individual Emails)

Each of the following House members has co-sponsored HB1865. Members should send individual emails to each, thanking them for their support.

Representative	Email	Phone
Sean Quinlan (Lead)	repquinlan@capitol.hawaii.gov	808-586-6380
Teresita Amato	repamato@capitol.hawaii.gov	808-586-9470
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Chris Todd	reptodd@capitol.hawaii.gov	808-586-8480
Justin Woodson	repwoodson@capitol.hawaii.gov	808-586-6210

C. Joint Request to House Chairs

We need to send a joint email to the House Labor and House Health Chairs. The message should thank them for the hearing last year and explicitly ask them to schedule a hearing for HB1865 this year.

- Representative Jackson Sayama (Labor & Government Operations)
 - Email: repsayama@capitol.hawaii.gov | Phone: 808-586-6900
- Representative Gregg Takayama (Higher Education & Technology / Health)
 - Email: reptakayama@capitol.hawaii.gov | Phone: 808-586-6340

3. Recommended Email Format *

Subject: Support for HB1865 / SB2763 - Safe Patient Staffing Standards

Salutation: Aloha Representative [Last Name] / Senator [Last Name],

Body:

[Insert info about you here "My name is _____, a XX year nurse and a lifelong Hawaii resident".]

I am writing to you today to express my deep gratitude for your sponsorship of the RELATING TO STAFFING STANDARDS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES legislation. As a nurse on the front lines, I see firsthand how staffing levels directly impact the safety and recovery of our patients.

(Optional: Insert 1-2 sentences on a personal experience regarding staffing).

We truly appreciate the attention this issue received last year, and I am respectfully asking for your continued support to ensure HB1865/SB2763 receives a hearing this session. This bill is a vital step toward protecting both Hawaii's patients and the nursing profession.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Mahalo,

[Your Name]

[Your Title/Union Affiliation]

[Your Address/District]