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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONSIDER THE MERITS OF RECOGNIZING HYPNOTHERAPY AS A LEGITIMATE PROFESSION AND PROVIDER OF HUMAN SERVICES SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT FROM MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

WHEREAS, hypnotherapy is a recognized helping profession; and

WHEREAS, health care professionals who are knowledgeable about hypnotherapy say that it is a therapeutic tool used to facilitate psychotherapeutic treatment of a wide range of disorders; and

WHEREAS, according to these professionals, the Dictionary of Occupational Titles for the United States Department of Labor lists hypnotherapy as a profession, separate and independent from psychiatry and psychology; and

WHEREAS, another statistic cited by these professionals is that in 1989, the National Center of Education Statistics of the United States Department of Education assigned a Classification of Instructional Programs number to hypnotherapy, CIP 51.2303, subsequently changed to CIP 51.3603, under the Health Professions and Related Sciences category; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, that the State of Hawaii is requested to consider the merits of recognizing hypnotherapy as a legitimate profession and a provider of human services separate and independent from mental health professions, including psychiatry and psychology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of Health, the Director of Human Services, the Director

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of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

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