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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ANALYZE A MEASURE TO REGULATE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS.

WHEREAS, the practice of respiratory care in the State affects the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the State should be protected from the unqualified practice of respiratory care and from unprofessional conduct by persons who provide respiratory care; and

WHEREAS, practice of respiratory care is a dynamic and changing art and science, the practice of which continues to evolve with more sophisticated techniques and clinical modalities in patient care; and

WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that new regulatory measures being considered for enactment that, if enacted, would subject unregulated professions and vocations to licensing or other regulatory controls, be referred to the Auditor for analysis; and

WHEREAS, referral shall be by concurrent resolution that identifies a specific legislative bill to be analyzed; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2009 proposing licensure of respiratory care practitioners has been introduced during the Regular Session of 2009; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor, pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is requested to perform an analysis of the proposed regulation of respiratory care

practitioners, including the establishment of a board of respiratory care, as proposed in House Bill No. 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Auditor is requested to set forth the probable effects of the proposed regulatory measure and assess whether its enactment is consistent with the policies set forth in the sunrise review evaluation law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to include in the analysis an assessment of alternative forms of regulation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit any findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

OFFERED BY:

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