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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE TO MAKE RULES
CONSISTENT WITH ACT 222, SPECIAL SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII
2009, TO ALLOW NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS TO PERFORM
PARENTERAL THERAPY.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature, through Act 22, Special Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2009, directed the Board of Naturopathic Medicine
3 to "establish the education and training requirements for
4 parenteral therapy and the standards to administer parenteral
5 therapy" for licensed naturopathic physicians; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature also directed the Board of
8 Naturopathic Medicine to "[a]nnually establish and publish a
9 naturopathic formulary that has been approved by the board for
10 prescription, administration, or dispensing by naturopathic
11 physicians" through Act 22, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009;
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14 WHEREAS, the Board of Naturopathic Medicine established a
15 naturopathic formulary effective January 1, 2010 that
16 specifically prohibits the prescription, administration, or
17 dispensation of formulary items "in injectable form or by
18 injection unless this is specifically authorized by the Board's
19 administrative rules"; and
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21 WHEREAS, the administrative rules of the Board of
22 Naturopathic Medicine contain no provisions authorizing the
23 prescription, administration, or dispensation of formulary items
24 via injection, also known as parenteral therapy; and
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26 WHEREAS, the absence of administrative rules allowing the
27 administration of parenteral therapy by naturopathic physicians
28 effectively prohibits the practice; and
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30 WHEREAS, the intent of the Legislature in passing Act 22,
31 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, was to allow naturopathic
32 physicians to practice parenteral therapy pursuant to rules and
33 subject to requirements established by the Board of Naturopathy;
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2 WHEREAS, the intent of the Legislature in passing Act 22,
3 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, was to codify the general
4 and historical practice of the provision of parenteral therapy
5 by naturopathic physicians; and
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7 WHEREAS, the effective prohibition on the use of parenteral
8 therapy by naturopathic physicians that currently exists is in
9 contradiction to the intent of the Legislature in passing Act
10 22, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, and to the general and
11 historical practice of naturopathic medicine in this State; now,
12 therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
16 that the Board of Naturopathic Medicine is urged to adopt
17 administrative rules in accord with Act 22, Special Session Laws
18 of Hawaii 2009, to allow the use of parenteral therapy by
19 naturopathic physicians that include education and training
20 requirements; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine
24 and the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
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