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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PAIN AND  
PALLIATIVE CARE POLICY.

1 WHEREAS, inadequate treatment of severe acute pain and  
2 severe chronic pain originating from cancer or noncancerous  
3 conditions is a significant health problem; and  
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5 WHEREAS, for some patients, pain management is the single  
6 most important treatment a physician can provide; and  
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8 WHEREAS, a patient who suffers from severe acute pain or  
9 severe chronic pain should have access to proper treatment of  
10 pain; and  
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12 WHEREAS, due to the complexity of their problems, many  
13 patients who suffer from severe acute pain or severe chronic  
14 pain may require referral to a physician with expertise in the  
15 treatment of severe acute pain and severe chronic pain; and  
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17 WHEREAS, in some cases, severe acute pain and severe  
18 chronic pain is best treated by a team of clinicians to address  
19 the associated physical, psychological, social, and vocational  
20 issues; and  
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22 WHEREAS, in the hands of knowledgeable, ethical, and  
23 experienced pain management practitioners, opiates administered  
24 for severe acute pain or severe chronic pain can be safe; and  
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26 WHEREAS, opiates may be part of an overall treatment plan  
27 for a patient in severe acute pain or severe chronic pain who  
28 has not obtained relief from any other means of pain management;  
29 now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii State Board  
 4 of Nursing is requested to develop and implement a pain and  
 5 palliative care policy; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Board of  
 8 Nursing shall report to the Legislature on the development and  
 9 implementation of a pain and palliative care policy no later  
 10 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
 11 of 2012; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 15 Hawaii State Board of Nursing.  
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