
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO
CONVENE A MIDWIFERY REGULATORY WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, birth is a natural process and a woman should have
2 the right to choose the type of pregnancy care that she wants;
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5 WHEREAS, home births have been steadily increasing since
6 1991; and
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8 WHEREAS, one of the challenges faced by the nation's health
9 care system is the provision of quality care to segments of the
10 population that do not have access to essential services because
11 of geographic limitations; and
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13 WHEREAS, mothers have accessed midwifery services
14 throughout history; and
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16 WHEREAS, the use of midwifery care to deliver maternal
17 child health care is an effective way of overcoming certain
18 barriers to accessing care, particularly for communities located
19 in rural and remote areas; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Auditor has found that the mandatory licensure
22 of the entire midwifery profession would be consistent with the
23 Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Commerce
28 and Consumer Affairs is requested to convene a midwifery
29 regulatory working group to study and develop a plan for
30 defining midwifery, establishing licensure, and creating a



1 process for data collection and peer review for all midwives in
2 the State; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are
5 requested to serve and be included as members of the midwifery
6 regulatory working group:

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8 (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the
9 Director's designee;
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11 (2) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Commerce,
12 Consumer Protection, and Health, or the Chairperson's
13 designee;
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15 (3) The Chairperson of the House Committee on Health and
16 Human Services or the Chairperson's designee;
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18 (4) The Chairperson of the Hawaii Section of the American
19 College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or the
20 Chairperson's designee;
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22 (5) The President of the Midwives Alliance of Hawaii or
23 the President's designee;
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25 (6) A member representing uncertified midwives, as
26 designated by the Board of Directors of Papa Ola
27 Lokahi; and
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29 (7) A representative from the Legislative Reference Bureau
30 to provide legislative drafting assistance should the
31 working group propose any legislation; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the midwifery
34 regulatory working group are requested to elect a chairperson, a
35 vice chairperson, and any other necessary officers from among
36 the members; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
39 Consumer Affairs is requested to provide administrative support
40 to the working group; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the midwifery regulatory
2 working group is requested to report its findings and
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the Regular Session of 2019; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the midwifery regulatory
8 working group shall cease to exist on June 30, 2019; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
12 and Consumer Affairs; the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
13 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health; the Chairperson of
14 the House Committee on Health and Human Services; the Director
15 of the Legislative Reference Bureau; the Chairperson of the
16 Hawaii Section of the American College of Obstetricians and
17 Gynecologists; the President of the Midwives Alliance of Hawaii;
18 and the President of the Board of Directors of Papa Ola Lokahi.

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21 OFFERED BY: Thaki

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