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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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, that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is  
28 requested to convene a midwifery regulatory working group to  
29 study and develop a plan for defining midwifery, establishing  
30 licensure, and creating a process for data collection and peer  
31 review for all midwives in the State; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are  
2 requested to serve and be included as members of the midwifery  
3 regulatory working group:

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5 (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the  
6 Director's designee;

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8 (2) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Commerce,  
9 Consumer Protection, and Health, or the Chairperson's  
10 designee;

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12 (3) The Chairperson of the House Committee on Health and  
13 Human Services or the Chairperson's designee;

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15 (4) The Chairperson of the Hawaii Section of the American  
16 College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or the  
17 Chairperson's designee;

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19 (5) The President of the Midwives Alliance of Hawaii or  
20 the President's designee;

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22 (6) A member representing uncertified midwives, as  
23 designated by the Board of Directors of Papa Ola  
24 Lokahi; and

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26 (7) A representative from the Legislative Reference Bureau  
27 to provide legislative drafting assistance should the  
28 working group propose any legislation; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the midwifery  
31 regulatory working group are requested to elect a chairperson, a  
32 vice chairperson, and any other necessary officers from among  
33 the members; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and  
36 Consumer Affairs is requested to provide administrative support  
37 to the working group; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the midwifery regulatory  
40 working group is requested to report its findings and  
41 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the Regular Session of 2019; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the midwifery regulatory  
5 working group shall cease to exist on June 30, 2019; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and  
9 Consumer Affairs; the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on  
10 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health; the Chairperson of  
11 the House Committee on Health and Human Services; the Director  
12 of the Legislative Reference Bureau; the Chairperson of the  
13 Hawaii Section of the American College of Obstetricians and  
14 Gynecologists; the President of the Midwives Alliance of Hawaii;  
15 and the President of the Board of Directors of Papa Ola Lokahi.  
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