
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE CURRENT SCOPE OF PRACTICE, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS AND CONSIDER WHETHER THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND CORRESPONDING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS SHOULD BE ENHANCED.

1 WHEREAS, there is a need for more access to health care
2 professionals, particularly registered pharmacists, who can
3 safely provide certain health care services and achieve positive
4 health outcomes for patients; and

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6 WHEREAS, pharmacists have more direct access to patients
7 than other health care professionals, which can help resolve
8 public health issues with a minimal impact to the overall health
9 system; and

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11 WHEREAS, advances in technology have changed the delivery
12 of health care over the last thirty years and as a result, the
13 definition of "practice of pharmacy" under existing law is no
14 longer accurate; and

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16 WHEREAS, pharmacy education has also increased over the
17 years, from an apprentice program to a six-year doctorate
18 program that includes education assessment training and a year
19 working as a pharmacist intern; and

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21 WHEREAS, pharmacy education now also includes immunization
22 and smoking cessation training, along with other specialty
23 training, which ensures pharmacists are well prepared to provide
24 appropriate health care services to patients; and

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26 WHEREAS, pharmacists have had a positive impact on public
27 health throughout the State and now immunize more patients than



1 any other health care professional, which has increased the
2 State's immunization rate, thereby reducing disease and
3 morbidity in the overall population; and
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5 WHEREAS, registered pharmacists who receive proper
6 training, working under written protocols, can:
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- 8 (1) Provide health care services, such as furnishing
9 Naloxone and Epi-pens;
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- 11 (2) Administer immunizations and vaccines for bacterial
12 and viral infections, such as influenza, pneumonia,
13 and Hepatitis A;
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- 15 (3) Furnish and counsel patients on self-administered
16 hormonal contraception and smoking cessation
17 replacement therapy; and
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- 19 (4) Order and perform laboratory tests to determine
20 appropriate medication use and outcomes; and
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22 WHEREAS, the disciplines of medicine, nursing, and
23 naturopathy are complemented by registered pharmacists, who are
24 an essential part of a primary health care team; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
28 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Pharmacy
29 is requested to convene a working group to review the current
30 scope of practice, licensing requirements, and continuing
31 education requirements for pharmacists and consider whether the
32 scope of practice and corresponding licensing requirements for
33 pharmacists should be enhanced; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be composed
36 of the following members:
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- 38 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Pharmacy;
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- 40 (2) A representative from the Department of Health
41 designated by the Director of Health;



- 1 (3) A representative from the Daniel K. Inouye College of
2 Pharmacy, University of Hawai'i at Hilo;
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- 4 (4) A representative from the Hawaii Pharmacists
5 Association;
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- 7 (5) A representative from the Hawaii Medical Association;
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- 9 (6) A representative from the Hawaii Medical Service
10 Association;
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- 12 (7) A representative from a retail/chain store pharmacy;
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- 14 (8) A representative from a community pharmacy; and
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- 16 (9) A representative from a hospital pharmacy; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
19 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
20 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
21 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
22 of 2019; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
26 and Consumer Affairs, Chairperson of the Board of Pharmacy,
27 Director of Health, Dean of the Daniel K. Inouye College of
28 Pharmacy at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, President of the
29 Hawaii Pharmacists Association, President of the Hawaii Medical
30 Association, and President of the Hawaii Medical Service
31 Association.

