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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND ANY OTHER LICENSING AGENCY THAT OVERSEES A PROFESSION LISTED IN SENATE BILL NO. 1115 (2021), SECTION 3, TO EXAMINE OTHER STATES' LICENSING CREDENTIALS AND DETERMINE WHICH STATES HAVE LICENSING STANDARDS THAT MEET OR EXCEED HAWAII'S LICENSING STANDARDS.

1 WHEREAS, currently, military spouses accompanying their
2 servicemember on a permanent change of station must apply for
3 various occupational licensures through a license reciprocity
4 process that mandates license equivalency; and

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6 WHEREAS, this can be problematic for applicants depending
7 upon their home jurisdiction; and

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9 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1115 (2021) proposes that the
10 Hawaii Revised Statutes be amended to allow for temporary
11 licenses to be issued to military spouses in certain occupations
12 so long as they meet certain requirements, thereby expediting
13 the licensing process so that military spouses may obtain
14 employment in Hawaii sooner; and

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16 WHEREAS, this proposed amendment should be examined to
17 ensure that those military spouses in the listed professions
18 meet Hawaii's licensing standards; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
22 that the Department of Health with the Department of Commerce
23 and Consumer Affairs, Department of Defense, and any other
24 licensing agency that oversees a profession listed in Senate
25 Bill No. 1115 (2021), section 3, as proposed new language to
26 section 436B-14.7(a)(2)(A), Hawaii Revised Statutes, are urged
27 to examine the licensing credentials of other states and
28 determine which states have licensing standards that meet or
29 exceed Hawaii's licensing standards; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
2 Bureau is urged to assist the Department of Health, Department
3 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Defense, or any
4 other licensing agency with the examination and submit a report
5 of their findings and recommendations, including any proposed
6 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
7 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Director of
11 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Adjutant General, and Director of
12 the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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