
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS REGARDING THE
SCOPES OF PRACTICE FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES
AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

1 WHEREAS, this body recognizes that there is a physician
2 shortage in the State, which often presents a challenge for
3 rural communities to access health care; and
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5 WHEREAS, advanced practice registered nurses and physician
6 assistants are vital health care professionals who are capable
7 of filling in some of the gaps in access to health care in the
8 State; and
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10 WHEREAS, various measures have been introduced during the
11 Regular Session of 2022 and past Regular Sessions that have
12 proposed expanding the scopes of practice for advanced practice
13 registered nurses and physician assistants; and
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15 WHEREAS, there is a need to clearly distinguish the scopes
16 of practice of advanced practice registered nurses and physician
17 assistants and determine the appropriate scope of practice for
18 each of these professions in Hawaii to better complement the
19 work of physicians; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
24 conduct an analysis regarding the scopes of practice for
25 advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants;
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
29 analyze whether the scopes of practice for advanced practice



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1 registered nurses and physician assistants should be expanded in
2 certain areas of medical care and services, including:

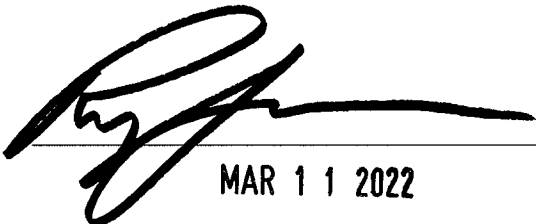
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- 4 (1) School-based health services;
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- 6 (2) Medical care for minors related to human
- 7 immunodeficiency virus;
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- 9 (3) Abortion care;
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- 11 (4) The records review process for prescriptions of
- 12 controlled substances;
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- 14 (5) Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments waived
- 15 tests;
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- 17 (6) Medical aid in dying; and
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- 19 (7) Other medical care and services; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor may include in its
22 analysis a comparison to other jurisdictions and whether those
23 jurisdictions allow for similar expanded scopes of practice; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
26 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
27 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
28 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
29 2023; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Chairperson
33 of the Hawaii Medical Board, and Chairperson of the State Board
34 of Nursing.
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OFFERED BY:



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