
HOUSE 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, that the Auditor is requested to conduct an analysis
24 regarding the scopes of practice for advanced practice
25 registered nurses and physician assistants; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
28 analyze whether the scopes of practice for advanced practice
29 registered nurses and physician assistants should be expanded in
30 certain areas of medical care and services, including:
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32 (1) School-based health services;



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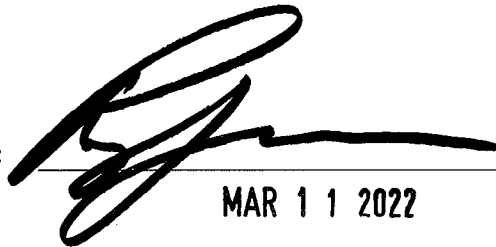
- (2) Medical care for minors related to human immunodeficiency virus;
- (3) Abortion care;
- (4) The records review process for prescriptions of controlled substances;
- (5) Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments waived tests;
- (6) Medical aid in dying; and
- (7) Other medical care and services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor may include in its analysis a comparison to other jurisdictions and whether those jurisdictions allow for similar expanded scopes of practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Chairperson of the Hawaii Medical Board, and Chairperson of the State Board of Nursing.

OFFERED BY:



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