
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS 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 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is
24 requested to conduct an analysis regarding the scopes of
25 practice for advanced practice registered nurses and physician
26 assistants; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
29 Consumer Affairs is requested to analyze whether the scopes of
30 practice for advanced practice registered nurses and physician



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

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