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S.C.R. NO. 2

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE
CERTIFICATION AND REGULATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.

1 WHEREAS, S.B. No. , introduced during the 2022 Regular
2 Session, proposes the certification and regulation of community
3 health workers; and
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5 WHEREAS, persons who hold themselves out as community
6 health workers are not presently required to be licensed,
7 certified, registered, or otherwise regulated by the State; and
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9 WHEREAS, community health workers play unique and important
10 roles, especially in rural communities, and serve as community
11 health advisors, health advocates, outreach educators, community
12 health representatives, and peer health educators; and
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14 WHEREAS, community health workers may also offer
15 translation services, culturally relevant health education, or
16 provide counseling and guidance to help improve access to health
17 care services; and
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19 WHEREAS, increasing the number of community health workers
20 and standardizing their qualifications and required training
21 will help rural communities receive access to adequate, timely,
22 and life-saving health care services; and
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24 WHEREAS, establishing certification for community health
25 workers will also enable their services to be reimbursable under
26 private and public health insurance plans; and
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28 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
29 new measures subjecting unregulated professions and vocations to
30 licensing or other regulatory controls to be referred to the
31 Auditor for analysis; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
4 requested to conduct a sunrise review of the certification and
5 regulation of community health workers as proposed by S.B.
6 No. , Regular Session 2022; and

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

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director
15 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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18 OFFERED BY:

