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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 4803, THE ACUPUNCTURE FOR OUR SENIORS ACT OF 2021, WHICH WOULD AMEND TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR ACUPUNCTURIST SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, there is an acute need to address pain and  
2 addiction issues with complementary and integrative services,  
3 including acupuncture; and  
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5 WHEREAS, extensive studies on acupuncture published by the  
6 National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health show  
7 that acupuncture is a viable treatment option for those  
8 suffering from musculoskeletal conditions, chronic pain, and  
9 addiction issues; and  
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11 WHEREAS, these studies have also shown that acupuncture is  
12 generally considered safe when performed by an experienced,  
13 well-trained practitioner using sterile needles; and  
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15 WHEREAS, having acupuncture performed by a well-trained  
16 practitioner is as important to public health and safety as  
17 having healthcare services performed by a healthcare  
18 professional having an extensive educational and clinical  
19 training history; and  
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21 WHEREAS, reflecting the scientific consensus that  
22 acupuncture is a safe practice when performed by an experienced,  
23 well-trained practitioner using sterile needles, the Center for  
24 Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a national coverage  
25 determination in January 2020 to have Medicare cover acupuncture  
26 services for Medicare benefit recipients experiencing chronic  
27 lower back pain; now, therefore,  
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
31 that the United States Congress is requested to support H.R.  
32 4803, the Acupuncture for Our Seniors Act of 2021, which would



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1 amend Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage  
2 for acupuncturist services under the Medicare program; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United  
6 States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of  
7 Representatives, and members of Hawaii's congressional  
8 delegation.  
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