
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT AN
ANALYSIS REGARDING THE SCOPE 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 makes it challenging 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 past regular sessions of the Legislature that have proposed
12 expanding the scope of practice for advanced practice registered
13 nurses and physician assistants; and
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15 WHEREAS, there is a need to clearly distinguish the scope
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 the State 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-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative
24 Reference Bureau is requested to conduct an analysis regarding
25 the scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses
26 and physician assistants; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
29 Bureau is requested to analyze whether each scope of practice



1 should be expanded in certain areas of medical care and
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- (1) School-based health services;
- (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; and
- (6) Medical aid in dying; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau may include in the Bureau's analysis a comparison to other jurisdictions and whether those jurisdictions allow for similar expanded scopes of practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to submit a report of the Bureau's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

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

