
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND HAWAII PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE A ROUNDTABLE TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S THYROID FUNCTION IS TESTED BEFORE PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS FOR MENTAL ILLNESS ARE PRESCRIBED.

1 WHEREAS, doctors and others who have prescriptive authority
2 often appropriately prescribe psychotropic medications to treat
3 individuals who have a mental illness; and

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5 WHEREAS, literature and experience demonstrates that
6 sometimes individuals who have a thyroid condition may present
7 symptoms similar to mental illness; and

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9 WHEREAS, there have been instances where these individuals
10 have been prescribed psychotropic medications without testing
11 for the presence of a thyroid condition; and

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13 WHEREAS, subsequent testing has revealed that some
14 individuals in fact had a thyroid condition and not a mental
15 illness and that the psychotropic medications they received were
16 either ineffective or potentially harmful; and

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18 WHEREAS, testing for abnormal thyroid levels is a simple
19 process that can be done through a blood test; 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 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Medical
24 Association and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association is
25 requested to convene a roundtable to establish medical protocols
26 to ensure that an individual's thyroid function is tested before
27 psychotropic medications for mental illness are prescribed; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the



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1 Hawaii Medical Association and President of the Hawaii
2 Psychiatric Medical Association.

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