
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONSIDER THE MERITS OF
RECOGNIZING HYPNOTHERAPY AS A LEGITIMATE PROFESSION AND
HYPNOTHERAPISTS AS PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES SEPARATE AND
INDEPENDENT FROM OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

1 WHEREAS, hypnotherapy is a recognized helping profession;
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4 WHEREAS, health care professionals who are knowledgeable
5 about hypnotherapy say that it is a therapeutic tool used to
6 facilitate psychotherapeutic treatment of a wide range of
7 disorders; and

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9 WHEREAS, according to these professionals, the Dictionary
10 of Occupational Titles for the United States Department of Labor
11 lists hypnotherapy as a profession, separate and independent
12 from psychiatry and psychology; and

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14 WHEREAS, another statistic cited by these professionals is
15 that in 1989, the National Center of Education Statistics of the
16 United States Department of Education assigned a Classification
17 of Instructional Programs number to hypnotherapy, CIP 51.2303,
18 subsequently changed to CIP 51.3603, under the Health
19 Professions and Related Sciences category; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
23 that the State of Hawaii is requested to consider the merits of
24 recognizing hypnotherapy as a legitimate profession and
25 hypnotherapists as providers of human services separate and
26 independent from other mental health professions, including
27 psychiatry and psychology; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
31 Health, the Director of Human Services, the Director



1 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the Director of Labor and
3 Industrial Relations.

