
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO COVER MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPISTS' SERVICES WITHIN MENTAL HEALTH AND
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS.

1 WHEREAS, marriage and family therapists assist individuals
2 and families with emotional, behavioral, and relationship
3 problems; and
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5 WHEREAS, therapists help people with childhood and
6 adolescent problems, marriages in crisis, families needing
7 assistance with senior parents, and provide assistance in the
8 areas of domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse, and
9 substance abuse; and
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11 WHEREAS, marriage and family therapists work in private
12 practice, hospitals, schools, colleges, court systems, community
13 mental health centers, health maintenance organizations, and
14 employee assistance programs; and
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16 WHEREAS, the National Institute of Mental Health has
17 recognized the field of marriage and family therapy as one of
18 the five core mental health disciplines along with psychiatry,
19 psychology, clinical social work, and psychiatric nursing; and
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21 WHEREAS, chapter 451J, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS),
22 defines marriage and family therapy practice as "the application
23 of psychotherapeutic and family systems theories and techniques
24 to diagnose and treat mental, emotional, and nervous disorders
25 within the context of an individual's relationships"; and
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27 WHEREAS, H.B. No. , introduced in 2007, mandates
28 coverage of marriage and family therapist services under the
29 mental health and alcohol and drug abuse treatment benefits
30 required by chapter 431M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in individual
31 or group hospital or medical service plan contracts, and



WHEREAS, section 23-51, HRS, requires that:

now, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

OFFERED BY:



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