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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT PAPA OLA LOKAHI WORK WITH EXPERTS IN THE  
CULTURAL PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN TATTOOING TO  
DETERMINE QUALIFICATIONS FOR KAHUNA KA KAKAU.

1           WHEREAS, traditional Hawaiian tattoo artists use a  
2 centuries-old tattooing procedure that is derived from ancient  
3 Hawaiian tradition and practice; and  
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5           WHEREAS, "kahuna ka kakau" are experts in the cultural  
6 practice and application of traditional Hawaiian tattooing; and  
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8           WHEREAS, state law requires tattoo artists, including  
9 kahuna ka kakau, to be licensed by the Department of Health; and  
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11           WHEREAS, during the Regular Session of 2008, the  
12 Legislature considered a measure that proposed to exempt kahuna  
13 ka kakau from the licensure requirement; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the determination of the necessary qualifications  
16 of a kahuna ka kakau is best made by experts in the practice and  
17 application of traditional Hawaiian tattooing; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Papa Ola Lokahi is the Native Hawaiian Health  
20 Board founded to improve the health and well-being of Native  
21 Hawaiians and their families, including supporting kupuna  
22 masters engaged in traditional Hawaiian healing practices; now,  
23 therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that Papa Ola Lokahi is  
28 requested to work with experts in the practice of traditional  
29 Hawaiian tattooing to determine the qualifications necessary to  
30 achieve the title of kahuna ka kakau; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Papa Ola Lokahi is requested to  
 2 submit a report of its findings, and proposed legislation to  
 3 exempt kahuna ka kakau from licensure requirements, to the  
 4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 5 the Regular Session of 2010; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director  
 9 of Papa Ola Lokahi and the Director of Health.

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