
HOUSE 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, that Papa Ola Lokahi is requested to work with experts
28 in the practice of traditional Hawaiian tattooing to determine
29 the qualifications necessary to achieve the title of kahuna ka
30 kakau; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Papa Ola Lokahi is requested to
33 submit a report of its findings, and proposed legislation to
34 exempt kahuna ka kakau from licensure requirements, to the



1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2010; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of Papa Ola
6 Lokahi and the Director of Health.

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