
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF
RESTRICTING THE SALE OF TATTOOING EQUIPMENT TO MINORS.

1 WHEREAS, currently tattoo artists must be licensed by the
2 Department of Health; and
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4 WHEREAS, the rules of the Department of Health further
5 prohibit tattoo artists from tattooing any person under the age
6 of eighteen years without the written consent of the parents or
7 legal guardian of the minor; and
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9 WHEREAS, the licensure of tattoo artists was established to
10 ensure a healthy and safe environment with respect to the
11 application of tattoos to control or eliminate the risks of
12 adverse health effects, such as the transmission of a disease
13 through an open wound; and
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15 WHEREAS, neither the current law nor related administrative
16 rules address health and safety concerns that arise when
17 tattooing equipment is sold for private use to minors; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2009, that the Department of Health and the Department of
23 Commerce and Consumer Affairs are requested to examine the
24 feasibility and the advantages and disadvantages of restricting
25 the sale of tattooing equipment to minors; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and
28 the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs are requested to
29 submit their findings and recommendations, including any
30 proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty
31 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and the
4 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
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OFFERED BY:  _____

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