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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE TO MAKE RULES  
CONSISTENT WITH ACT 222, SPECIAL SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII  
2009, TO ALLOW NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS TO PERFORM  
PARENTERAL THERAPY.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature, through Act 22, Special Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2009, directed the Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
3 to "establish the education and training requirements for  
4 parenteral therapy and the standards to administer parenteral  
5 therapy" for licensed naturopathic physicians; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the Legislature also directed the Board of  
8 Naturopathic Medicine to "[a]nnually establish and publish a  
9 naturopathic formulary that has been approved by the board for  
10 prescription, administration, or dispensing by naturopathic  
11 physicians" through Act 22, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009;  
12 and  
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14           WHEREAS, the Board of Naturopathic Medicine established a  
15 naturopathic formulary effective January 1, 2010 that  
16 specifically prohibits the prescription, administration, or  
17 dispensation of formulary items "in injectable form or by  
18 injection unless this is specifically authorized by the Board's  
19 administrative rules"; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the administrative rules of the Board of  
22 Naturopathic Medicine contain no provisions authorizing the  
23 prescription, administration, or dispensation of formulary items  
24 via injection, also known as parenteral therapy; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the absence of administrative rules allowing the  
27 administration of parenteral therapy by naturopathic physicians  
28 effectively prohibits the practice; and  
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30           WHEREAS, the intent of the Legislature in passing Act 22,  
31 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, was to allow naturopathic



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1 physicians to practice parenteral therapy pursuant to rules and  
 2 subject to requirements established by the Board of Naturopathy;  
 3 and  
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5 WHEREAS, the intent of the Legislature in passing Act 22,  
 6 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, was to codify the general  
 7 and historical practice of the provision of parenteral therapy  
 8 by naturopathic physicians; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the effective prohibition on the use of parenteral  
 11 therapy by naturopathic physicians that currently exists is in  
 12 contradiction to the intent of the Legislature in passing Act  
 13 22, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, and to the general and  
 14 historical practice of naturopathic medicine in this State; now,  
 15 therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 18 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 19 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Naturopathic  
 20 Medicine is urged to adopt administrative rules in accord with  
 21 Act 22, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, to allow the use of  
 22 parenteral therapy by naturopathic physicians that include  
 23 education and training requirements; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Board of  
 27 Naturopathic Medicine and the Director of Commerce and Consumer  
 28 Affairs.  
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