
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL TO REGULATE ATHLETIC
TRAINERS.

1 WHEREAS, athletic trainers are health care professionals
2 who specialize in the prevention, assessment, immediate care,
3 treatment, referral, and rehabilitation of injuries and
4 illnesses sustained by athletes and others engaged in physical
5 activity; and

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7 WHEREAS, athletic trainers are employed in public and
8 private secondary schools, colleges and universities, physician
9 offices, hospitals, sports medicine clinics, the military, and
10 fitness centers; and

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12 WHEREAS, there are currently one hundred sixty-five
13 certified athletic trainers in the State of Hawaii; and

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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of only four states that does not
16 currently regulate the practice of athletic training; and

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18 WHEREAS, the continued lack of regulation creates the risk
19 that individuals who have lost or are unable to obtain licensure
20 in another state will move to the State to practice, thereby
21 putting the public in danger and degrading the standards of the
22 profession as a whole; and

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24 WHEREAS, because the public has difficulty discerning the
25 difference between athletic trainers, personal trainers, and
26 boxing trainers, there is a risk that unqualified non-
27 credentialed persons will represent themselves as "trainers" and
28 mislead members of the public into believing that they are
29 receiving care from health care professionals; and

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31 WHEREAS, there is a risk that Hawaii's athletic population
32 could suffer consequences such as chronic pain, disability, or



1 loss of life if health care is received from unqualified
2 practitioners; and

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4 WHEREAS, there is a pressing and immediate need to regulate
5 the profession of athletic training in order to protect the
6 public health, safety, and welfare, especially since athletic
7 trainers often work with elementary and secondary school age
8 children; and

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10 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
11 regulatory measures that would subject unregulated professions
12 and vocations to regulatory controls to be referred to the
13 Auditor for analysis; and

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15 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2601, S.D. 1, introduced and
16 amended during the 2010 Regular Session, proposes to regulate
17 athletic trainers through registration; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
22 conduct a sunrise review of the registration of athletic
23 trainers as proposed under Senate Bill No. 2601, S.D. 1; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
26 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed
27 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days
28 before the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

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OFFERED BY:

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