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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, certified athletic trainers are health care
2 professionals who specialize in the prevention, assessment,
3 immediate care, treatment, referral, and rehabilitation of
4 injuries and illnesses sustained by athletes and others engaged
5 in physical activity; and
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7 WHEREAS, athletic trainers are certified by the National
8 Athletic Trainers Board of Certification, an independent
9 credentialing agency whose certifications are based upon
10 standards that provide protection to the public and indicate
11 that the athletic trainers have knowledge and skill in six
12 practice domains of athletic training; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Legislature has affirmed the value,
15 importance, and qualifications of certified athletic trainers in
16 the past by appropriating funds to place certified athletic
17 trainers in each of Hawaii's public secondary schools; and
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19 WHEREAS, in addition to the public secondary schools,
20 certified athletic trainers are employed in private secondary
21 schools, colleges and universities, physician offices,
22 hospitals, sports medicine clinics, the military, and fitness
23 centers; and
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25 WHEREAS, there are currently one hundred sixty-five
26 certified athletic trainers in the State of Hawaii; and
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28 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii-Manoa has an accredited
29 athletic training curriculum; and
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31 WHEREAS, because the public has difficulty discerning the
32 difference between athletic trainers, personal trainers, and
33 boxing trainers, there is a risk that unqualified non-



1 credentialed persons will represent themselves as "trainers" and
2 mislead members of the public into believing that they are
3 receiving care from health care professionals; and
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5 WHEREAS, there is a risk that Hawaii's athletic population
6 could suffer consequences such as chronic pain, disability, or
7 loss of life if health care is received from unqualified
8 practitioners; and
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10 WHEREAS, athletic trainers routinely work with children as
11 young as twelve but are one of the few types of medical
12 professionals not regulated in Hawaii; and
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14 WHEREAS, licensure would ensure that Hawaii's athletic
15 population receives specialized emergency care, appropriate
16 treatment, rehabilitation, and meet appropriate criteria before
17 being returned to play; and
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19 WHEREAS, licensure would require and verify, as currently
20 required of other health care professions, demonstration of
21 minimum competency in the profession; and
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23 WHEREAS, licensure would provide a mechanism to report and
24 remedy malpractice and ethical violations, thereby reducing an
25 existing threat of harm to the public; and
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27 WHEREAS, as Hawaii is one of the few states without
28 licensure, there is no one to whom the National Athletic
29 Trainers Association Board of Certification can report
30 disciplinary actions to ensure that appropriate action is taken
31 to protect the public; and
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33 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires a
34 review by the Auditor before enactment of a measure that would
35 subject an unregulated profession or vocation to licensing or
36 other regulatory control; and
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38 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2601, S.D. 1, was introduced in
39 the 2010 Regular Session and calls for the regulation of
40 athletic trainers through licensure; now, therefore,
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42 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
43 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
44 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is



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1 requested to undertake a sunrise review regarding the licensure
2 of athletic trainers; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
5 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed
6 amendments to new legislation containing the elements of Senate
7 Bill No. 2601, S.D. 1, to the Legislature not later than twenty
8 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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

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14 OFFERED BY:

