
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE TO PERMIT NATUROPATHIC
PHYSICIANS LICENSED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2010, TO PERFORM
PARENTERAL THERAPEUTICS.

1 WHEREAS, the State recognizes that naturopathic medicine
2 includes all natural medicines, natural procedures, and natural
3 therapeutics; and
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5 WHEREAS, all persons recognize that a snake naturally
6 bites to inject venom; therefore, snake bites are a natural
7 procedure of injection; and
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9 WHEREAS, all persons also recognize that bee stings,
10 mosquito bites, leaches, stinging nettles, and *vana* (Hawaiian
11 sea urchins) are all examples of injection as a natural
12 procedure; and
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14 WHEREAS, all accredited professional schools of
15 naturopathic medicine educate, train, and qualify students to
16 perform parenteral therapeutics including intramuscular,
17 subcutaneous, and intravenous injection techniques and skills;
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20 WHEREAS, the licensing examinations accepted by the State
21 of Hawaii have included and covered parenteral therapeutics; and
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23 WHEREAS, licensing laws exist to insure a minimal level of
24 competency; and
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26 WHEREAS, all past and present naturopathic physicians
27 licensed by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine have performed
28 and provided parenteral therapeutics and injections, as did all



1 licensed naturopathic physicians under the prior licensing laws;
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4 WHEREAS, in addition to education, training, and
5 examination, error-free and complaint-free performance
6 demonstrates professional competency among naturopathic
7 physicians; and

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9 WHEREAS, principles and practices of medicine, naturopathic
10 medicine, and pharmacology often require the use of parenteral
11 therapeutics for the health and wellness of patients, parenteral
12 administration of medicines may often be a safer, more
13 effective, and more congenial method of administration; and

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15 WHEREAS, Act 22, Session Laws of Hawaii (2009) amended
16 chapter 455, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to specify that parenteral
17 therapy is not allowed under the practice of naturopathic
18 medicine until the Board of Naturopathic Medicine adopts rules
19 relating to this practice; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Board of Naturopathic Medicine's naturopathic
22 formulary, effective January 1, 2010, specifically prohibits the
23 injection of formulary items; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Board of Naturopathic Medicine has failed in
26 its primary responsibility of protecting and promoting public
27 health by prohibiting licensed naturopathic physicians from
28 performing parenteral therapeutics, thereby interrupting the
29 ongoing health care of patients in Hawaii; creating a health
30 care crisis for patients and their naturopathic physician
31 providers; and risking the health, wellness, and lives of
32 patients in need of parenteral therapeutics; and

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34 WHEREAS, this failure violates Article IX of the
35 Constitution of the State of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
38 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
39 House of Representatives concurring, that injection is a
40 natural procedure; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Naturopathic
2 Medicine is urged to adopt rules that grandfather all persons
3 licensed under chapter 455, Hawaii Revised Statutes, prior to
4 January 1, 2010, with regard to allowing those persons to
5 perform intramuscular, subcutaneous, and intravenous injection
6 and prescribe, administer, and dispense naturopathic formulary
7 substances manufactured for injection; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General, the
10 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the Chairperson
11 of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine are urged to immediately:
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- 13 (1) Remove the restrictive language in the naturopathic
14 formulary prohibiting the prescription,
15 administration, and dispensing of items in injectable
16 form or by injection;
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- 18 (2) Amend the naturopathic formulary to include the
19 prescription, administration, and dispensation of
20 items within the naturopathic formulary; and
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- 22 (3) Publish the naturopathic formulary to reflect the
23 necessary changes that will permit naturopathic
24 physicians licensed prior to January 1, 2010, to
25 administer parenteral therapeutics; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,
29 the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the members
30 of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.
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