
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF THE
REGULATION OF THE PROFESSION OF MUSIC THERAPY.

1 WHEREAS, the American Music Therapy Association defines
2 music therapy as the clinical and evidence-based use of music
3 interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a
4 therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has
5 completed an approved music therapy program; and
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7 WHEREAS, research supports music therapy's effectiveness in
8 areas such as physical rehabilitation, pain management, speech
9 and communication development, social skills, cognitive
10 processing and attention to task, behavioral needs, academic
11 goals, treatment motivation, emotional support, and creative
12 expression; and
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14 WHEREAS, music therapy has sixty years of clinical history
15 in the United States and is recognized in Hawaii by the
16 Departments of Health, Human Services, and Education; and
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18 WHEREAS, professional music therapists hold a bachelor's
19 degree or higher level of study in music therapy from accredited
20 colleges or universities; and
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22 WHEREAS, music therapists obtain the national credential
23 Music Therapist-Board Certified from the Certification Board for
24 Music Therapists, an independent, nonprofit corporation fully
25 accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies,
26 upon successful completion of:

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28 (1) An approved academic and clinical training program;
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31 (2) A written objective national examination;
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3 WHEREAS, after the assessment of the strengths and needs of
4 each client, qualified board certified music therapists provide
5 treatment and participate as members of an interdisciplinary
6 team; and

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8 WHEREAS, consumers of music therapy services include
9 children and adults with medical illnesses, psychiatric
10 disorders, developmental disabilities, speech and hearing
11 impairments, physical disabilities, and neurological
12 impairments; and

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14 WHEREAS, music therapy is considered a related service
15 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act when
16 deemed necessary to assist a child in benefiting from the
17 child's special education; and

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19 WHEREAS, the profession of music therapy is separate and
20 distinct from the profession of music education, as music
21 therapists use music to address many of the goals targeted in an
22 individualized education program such as:

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24 (1) Learning of academic concepts;
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26 (2) Increasing cooperation and appropriate social
27 behavior;
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29 (3) Providing avenues for communication;
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31 (4) Increasing self-esteem and self-confidence;
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33 (5) Improving motor responses and agility; and
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35 (6) Encouraging exploration and examination of issues that
36 impact the life of the individual;

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40 WHEREAS, the Departments of Health and Education provide
41 for allied health care interventions, early intervention, and
42 special education related services, within a variety of health
43 care and education settings but do not specifically include
44 music therapy provided by a board certified music therapist; and



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2 WHEREAS, the children of Hawaii are currently denied access
3 to music therapy services as a part of their individualized
4 family service plan or individualized service plan; and
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6 WHEREAS, the lack of state credentialing of individuals to
7 provide music therapy services does a disservice to the public;
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10 WHEREAS, the establishment of a licensing program for
11 unregulated professional board certified music therapists in
12 Hawaii under the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
13 will provide necessary oversight; and
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15 WHEREAS, under section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a
16 sunrise analysis by the Auditor must occur prior to initiating
17 the regulation of a profession; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
22 perform an analysis of the proposed regulation of the profession
23 of music therapy, as proposed in House Bill No. 2011; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor consult with the
26 American Music Therapy Association; the Certification Board for
27 Music Therapists; representatives of the credentialed music
28 therapists in Hawaii; and Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc., a
29 certified music therapy organization in Honolulu, in developing
30 the sunrise analysis; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to set
33 forth the probable effects of the proposed regulation and to
34 assess whether the proposed regulation is consistent with the
35 policies set forth in section 26H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes and
36 whether there are alternative appropriate forms of regulation;
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
40 transmit findings of the sunrise analysis to the Legislature no
41 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
42 Session of 2012; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
 3 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Auditor, Director of Health,
 4 Superintendent of Education, Director of Government Relations
 5 for the American Music Therapy Association, and the Regulatory
 6 Affairs Advisor for the Certification Board for Music
 7 Therapists.

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