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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PAIN AND  
PALLIATIVE CARE POLICY.

1           WHEREAS, inadequate treatment of severe acute pain and  
2 severe chronic pain originating from cancer or noncancerous  
3 conditions is a significant health problem; and  
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5           WHEREAS, for some patients, pain management is the single  
6 most important treatment a physician can provide; and  
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8           WHEREAS, a patient who suffers from severe acute pain or  
9 severe chronic pain should have access to proper treatment of  
10 pain; and  
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12           WHEREAS, due to the complexity of their problems, many  
13 patients who suffer from severe acute pain or severe chronic  
14 pain may require referral to a physician with expertise in the  
15 treatment of severe acute pain and severe chronic pain; and  
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17           WHEREAS, in some cases, severe acute pain and severe  
18 chronic pain are best treated by a team of clinicians to address  
19 the associated physical, psychological, social, and vocational  
20 issues; and  
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22           WHEREAS, opiates administered by knowledgeable, ethical,  
23 and experienced pain management practitioners for the treatment  
24 of severe acute pain or severe chronic pain can be safe; and  
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26           WHEREAS, opiates may be part of an overall treatment plan  
27 for a patient in severe acute pain or severe chronic pain who  
28 has not obtained relief from any other means of pain management;  
29 now, therefore,  
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31           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Nursing  
2 is requested to develop and implement a pain and palliative care  
3 policy; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing report to  
6 the Legislature on the development and implementation of a pain  
7 and palliative care policy no later than twenty days prior to  
8 the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
12 Board of Nursing.

