
HOUSE 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 is 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, in the hands of knowledgeable, ethical, and
23 experienced pain management practitioners, opiates administered
24 for 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,





H.C.R. NO. 55

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii State Board of
4 Nursing is requested to develop and implement a pain and
5 palliative care policy; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Board of
8 Nursing shall report to the Legislature on the development and
9 implementation of a pain and palliative care policy no later
10 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
11 of 2012; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
15 Hawaii State Board of Nursing.
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OFFERED BY:

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