
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD, BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY,
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST PROGRAM, AND MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELOR PROGRAM TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL TO PRINT,
DISPLAY, AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS INFORMING THEM OF
THE APPLICABLE ETHICAL STANDARDS RELATING TO SEXUAL
BOUNDARIES IN THE PROVIDER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, the relationship between health care providers and
2 their patients are some of the most intimate between a
3 professional and patient, where patients often disclose their
4 most private fears and insecurities in the hopes of a solution
5 or resolution; and
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7 WHEREAS, often times, patients seeking the help of health
8 care professionals are at a vulnerable point in life, whether
9 that vulnerability is physical, emotional, or psychological, or
10 some combination of all three; and
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12 WHEREAS, for the most part, professionals are able to
13 assist a patient, and do so in a manner that helps to alleviate
14 that which afflicts the patient; and
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16 WHEREAS, it is an unfortunate reality that some
17 professionals cross a moral and ethical line and exploit the
18 vulnerabilities of a patient, and that this reality exists
19 nationwide, including Hawai`i; and
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21 WHEREAS, many of the health care professions in Hawai`i are
22 self-regulated; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Medical Board,
27 Board of Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapist Program, and
28 Mental Health Counselor Program is requested to develop



1 educational material to print, display, and make available to
 2 patients informing them of the applicable ethical standards
 3 relating to sexual boundaries in the provider-patient
 4 relationship, and that such educational material also include
 5 contact information for patients that need to report complaints;
 6 and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Hawaii
 10 Medical Board, Chair of the Board of Psychology, Executive
 11 Officer of the Marriage and Family Therapist Program, and the
 12 Executive Officer of the Mental Health Counselor Program.
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