
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR VETERINARIANS.

1 WHEREAS, it is of primary importance to the public that
2 veterinarians continue their education throughout the period of
3 their active practice of veterinary medicine; and
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5 WHEREAS, requiring a continued commitment to professional
6 education would enable veterinarians to stay up-to-date in the
7 field of veterinary medicine and be aware of new advancements or
8 concerns; and
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10 WHEREAS, continuing education courses assist veterinarians
11 in providing better, more specialized treatment of animals; and
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13 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of only a few states that do not
14 require continuing education for veterinarians; and
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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii's geographic location presents unique
17 challenges for a veterinarian continuing education requirement
18 and necessitates further collaboration on the topic; now,
19 therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2011, that the Board of Veterinary Examiners is requested to
24 convene a task force to examine the feasibility of establishing
25 a continuing education requirement for veterinarians; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
28 include but not be limited to:
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- 30 (1) The Executive Officer of the Board of Veterinary
31 Examiners, or the Executive Officer's designee;



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- 2 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
- 3 Hawaiian Humane Society, or the Chairperson's
- 4 designee;
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- 6 (3) The President of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical
- 7 Association, or the President's designee; and
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- 9 (4) Members of the veterinary community deemed appropriate
- 10 by the Chairperson of the task force; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer of the
 13 Board of Veterinary Examiners is requested to serve as the
 14 Chairperson of the task force; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
 17 consider:

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- 19 (1) The amount and type of continuing education that
- 20 should be required for veterinarians;
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- 22 (2) The person or entity that should monitor veterinarians
- 23 for compliance with the continuing education
- 24 requirement;
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- 26 (3) Whether certain individuals should be exempt from any
- 27 continuing education requirement; and
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- 29 (4) The challenges presented by Hawaii's unique geographic
- 30 location and ways in which more continuing education
- 31 opportunities may be made available; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
 34 submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and
 35 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
 36 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 37 of 2012; and

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 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 40 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Officer of the Board
 41 of Veterinary Examiners, the President of the Hawaii Veterinary



1 Medical Association, and the President of the Hawaii Veterinary
2 Medical Association.

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