
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD TO REQUIRE CLINICAL PHYSICIAN PRACTITIONERS TO COMPLETE 12 HOURS OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ON PALLIATIVE CARE EVERY FOUR YEARS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN LICENSURE.

1 WHEREAS, palliative care relieves symptoms, such as pain,
2 nausea, fatigue, depression, and anxiety; and
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4 WHEREAS, new treatment options are continuously being
5 discovered and introduced; and
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7 WHEREAS, continuing education will help clinical physicians
8 stay up-to-date with current best practices; and
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10 WHEREAS, "clinical physician practitioners" excludes non-
11 clinical physicians, including:
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13 (1) Medical examiners;

14 (2) Nuclear medicine doctors;

15 (3) Pathologists;

16 (4) Podiatrists;

17 (5) Public health physicians;

18 (6) Sports medicine physicians; and
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20 (7) Physicians performing strictly administrative
21 functions;
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28 now, therefore,



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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, that the Hawaii Medical Board adopt rules, pursuant to
4 Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require clinical
5 physician practitioners to complete 12 hours of continuing
6 medical education on palliative care every four years to
7 maintain licensure; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaii Board
11 of Medical Examiners.
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