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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO  
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO PROPOSE REGULATIONS AND  
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH EDUCATORS.

1           WHEREAS, health educators often work with hospital  
2 patients, elementary and secondary school-aged children, and  
3 community residents receiving primary, secondary, and tertiary  
4 prevention levels of health care; and  
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6           WHEREAS, credentialing of health educators first began in  
7 1989 with the establishment of the National Commission for  
8 Health Education Credentialing, Inc., an international  
9 organization that awards entry- and advanced-level credentials;  
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12           WHEREAS, credentialing is voluntary, and often persons who  
13 do not have any credentials and who do not meet the minimal  
14 level of competency hold themselves out to be health educators;  
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17           WHEREAS, there are over 63,000 health educator jobs in the  
18 United States, and this occupational field is expected to grow  
19 by thirty-seven percent by the year 2020; and  
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21           WHEREAS, rapid occupational growth requires proactive  
22 government regulation to assure the standard of care in Hawaii  
23 is maintained by professionally trained, competent, and ethical  
24 professionals; and  
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26           WHEREAS, regulation of health educators will help ensure  
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- 29           (1) Recipients of their specialized work receive quality  
30 services at the primary, secondary, and tertiary  
31 levels of health care, including program assessments,  
32 evaluations, planning and implementation of health  
33 education services, and professional consultation and  
34 management services;  
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1 (2) Health educators meet minimum competency requirements  
2 in the profession, similar to requirements existing  
3 for other health care and educational professionals;  
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6 (3) Members of the public, other members of the  
7 profession, and the National Commission for Health  
8 Education Credentialing, Inc., will be able to assist  
9 in maintaining quality standards in the health  
10 educator profession by means of reporting ethics  
11 violations or disciplinary action to the applicable  
12 state regulatory agency; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
15 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
16 Session of 2013, that the Director of Commerce and Consumer  
17 Affairs is requested to convene a working group to propose  
18 regulations and licensing requirements for health educators; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and  
21 Consumer Affairs is encouraged to include representatives from  
22 the following entities as members of the working group:  
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- 24 (1) Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
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- 26 (2) Department of Health;
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- 28 (3) University of Hawaii System;
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- 30 (4) Hawaii Pacific University;
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- 32 (5) The Queen's Medical Center;
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- 34 (6) Hawaii Pacific Health; and
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- 36 (7) Any other organization the Director deems appropriate  
37 to contribute to the working group; and  
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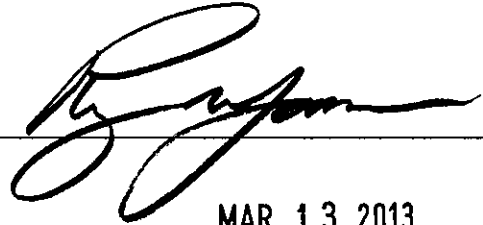
39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
40 to report its findings and recommendations, including any  
41 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
42 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and  
3 Consumer Affairs, Director of Health, Chair of the Board of  
4 Regents of the University of Hawaii, President of Hawaii Pacific  
5 University, President of The Queen's Medical Center, and  
6 President and Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii Pacific Health.

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OFFERED BY:



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