
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING COLLABORATION AMONG VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES TO
IDENTIFY BARRIERS RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE
NURSES' EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
2 marks the undertaking of significant health care reform
3 throughout the country; and
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5 WHEREAS, reform efforts that increase access to care,
6 provide health care to the uninsured, and close gaps in health
7 inequalities will depend on a stable and enduring workforce that
8 can provide health care services across many settings; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 2010, a report from the Institute of Medicine
11 of the National Academies and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
12 proposed a series of recommendations to advance and strengthen
13 the United States health care system during this period of
14 change; and
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16 WHEREAS, according to the report, Advanced Practice
17 Registered Nurses should practice to the full extent of their
18 education and training, and scope of practice barriers to
19 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses should be removed; and
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21 WHEREAS, this body is dedicated to addressing the needs and
22 interests of the people of Hawaii, including ensuring that
23 quality health care is easily accessible to consumers throughout
24 the State; and
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26 WHEREAS, this body recognizes that Hawaii's physician-
27 primary care provider shortage has increased the need for
28 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who can provide primary
29 health care; and
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31 WHEREAS, this body also recognizes that national data
32 supports the fact that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses can
33 immediately increase access to quality, cost effective care if
34 restrictions to their ability to practice are removed; and



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2 WHEREAS, in recent years, the Legislature has passed
3 legislation requiring insurers to recognize Advanced Practice
4 Registered Nurses as primary care providers and permitting
5 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to practice within the full
6 scope of their practice; and
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8 WHEREAS, this body finds that despite passage of these
9 barrier-breaking Acts, the provisions of these Acts have not
10 been fully implemented by the responsible executive departments
11 of the State; and
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13 WHEREAS, simultaneous collaboration among state agencies is
14 needed to align and modernize their applicable state statutes
15 and administrative rules with recent legislation; and
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17 WHEREAS, these obsolete statutes will continue to
18 negatively impact Hawaii consumers until state agencies align
19 and modernize their statutes and rules for the benefit of the
20 people of Hawaii; and
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22 WHEREAS, the leadership and recommendations of the
23 Department of the Attorney General and the Legislative Reference
24 Bureau will be needed due to the scope of the required
25 revisions; and
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27 WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to ensure that the
28 State has a stable and enduring Advanced Practice Registered
29 Nurse workforce that can provide seamless, quality care in
30 response to federal health care reform, including in medically
31 underserved rural areas; now, therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
35 Session of 2013, that state agencies including but not limited
36 to the Department of Health, Department of Human Services,
37 Department of Public Safety, Department of Commerce and Consumer
38 Affairs, State Board of Nursing, and Disability and
39 Communication Access Board are requested to identify barriers to
40 the practice of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to the full
41 extent of the nurses' education and training in the statutes and
42 administrative rules specific to their respective departments;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agencies are further
 2 requested to enlist the assistance of the Department of the
 3 Attorney General in identifying barriers and proposing
 4 amendments to remove barriers in their respective statutes and
 5 administrative rules; and



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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agencies and the
 8 Department of the Attorney General are requested to gather their
 9 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 10 legislation, by September 1, 2013; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney
 13 General is requested to transmit a draft report of the agencies'
 14 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 15 legislation, to the Legislative Reference Bureau no later than
 16 November 1, 2013; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
 19 Bureau is requested to submit a final report of the agencies'
 20 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 21 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
 22 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, Director of
 26 the Legislative Reference Bureau, Director of Health, Director
 27 of Human Services, Director of Public Safety, Division
 28 Administrator of the Professional and Vocational Licensing
 29 Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs,
 30 Executive Director of the Disability and Communication Access
 31 Board, Executive Director of the Hawaii State Center for
 32 Nursing, and State Board of Nursing.

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