
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



1 WHEREAS, in recent years, the Legislature has passed
2 legislation requiring insurers to recognize Advanced Practice
3 Registered Nurses as primary care providers and permitting
4 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to practice within the full
5 scope of their practice; and

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7 WHEREAS, this body finds that despite passage of these
8 barrier-breaking Acts, the provisions of these Acts have not
9 been fully implemented by the responsible executive departments
10 of the State; and

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12 WHEREAS, simultaneous collaboration among state agencies is
13 needed to align and modernize their applicable state statutes
14 and administrative rules with recent legislation; and

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16 WHEREAS, these obsolete statutes will continue to
17 negatively impact Hawaii consumers until state agencies align
18 and modernize their statutes and rules for the benefit of the
19 people of Hawaii; and

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21 WHEREAS, the leadership and recommendations of the
22 Department of the Attorney General and the Legislative Reference
23 Bureau will be needed due to the scope of the required
24 revisions; and

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26 WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to ensure that the
27 State has a stable and enduring Advanced Practice Registered
28 Nurse workforce that can provide seamless, quality care in
29 response to federal health care reform, including in medically
30 underserved rural areas; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
34 Session of 2013, that state agencies including but not limited
35 to the Department of Health, Department of Human Services,
36 Department of Public Safety, Department of Commerce and Consumer
37 Affairs, State Board of Nursing, and Disability and
38 Communication Access Board are requested to identify barriers to
39 the practice of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to the full
40 extent of the nurses' education and training in the statutes and
41 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 and the
16 Governor no later than 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 20 days prior to
22 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 Governor, Attorney General,
26 Acting Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Director of
27 Health, Director of Human Services, Director of Public Safety,
28 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Director of Labor and
29 Industrial Relations, Executive Director of the Disability and
30 Communication Access Board, Executive Director of the Hawaii
31 State Center for Nursing, and Chairperson of the State Board of
32 Nursing.

