
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaiian Islands
2 have a culture and traditional heritage that includes midwifery
3 care. Mothers have accessed midwifery care throughout history
4 regardless of their religious, economic, or personal
5 circumstances. As determined by Senate Concurrent Resolution
6 No. 64, S.D.1 (1998), and a subsequent sunrise audit report,
7 Auditor's Report No. 99-14 (1999), the legislature finds that it
8 may be necessary to establish a regulatory process for certified
9 professional midwives. The legislature further finds that the
10 sunrise audit report was conducted seventeen years ago and that
11 a new study should be conducted to determine whether licensure
12 for certified professional midwives is warranted.

13 The purpose of this Act is to require the auditor to
14 conduct a study to determine whether licensure for certified
15 professional midwives who practice midwifery care is warranted.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The auditor shall conduct a study to
17 determine whether licensure for certified professional midwives



1 who practice midwifery care is warranted. The study shall
2 include:

- 3 (1) Any standards for the qualification and training of
4 midwives;
- 5 (2) A determination of whether licensure or continuing
6 education requirements are necessary;
- 7 (3) Alternative forms of regulation other than licensure;
- 8 (4) The cost impact on the State of requiring licensure of
9 midwives and on the regulated group; and
- 10 (5) Any other issues deemed necessary or relevant by the
11 auditor.

12 (b) The auditor shall submit a written report of findings
13 and recommendations, including any necessary proposed
14 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
15 to the convening of the regular session of 2017.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2070.



Report Title:

Licensure; Midwife

Description:

Require the auditor to conduct a study to determine whether licensure for certified professional midwives who practice midwifery care is warranted. (HB1899 HD2)

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