

# SCR91

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES.

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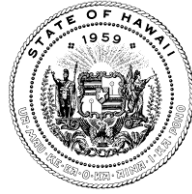
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Package: None

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

Wednesday, March 23, 2016  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91, REQUESTING  
THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF THE REGULATION OF  
CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on S.C.R. No. 91.

The concurrent resolution requests that the Auditor perform a sunrise analysis of the proposed regulation of the profession of Certified Professional Midwife, as proposed in House Bill No. 1899, House Draft 1, introduced during the Regular Session of 2016. Although a sunrise study was conducted seventeen years ago in 1999, it would be in

the best interest of consumers to re-evaluate the regulation of certified professional midwives.

The sunrise review would be conducted pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"). The Auditor's analysis would set forth the probable effects of the proposed regulatory measure, assess whether its enactment is consistent with the purposes of section 26H-2, HRS, and assess alternate forms of regulation. The Department agrees that a current sunrise analysis should be conducted by the Auditor before certified professional midwives are regulated.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on S.C.R. No. 91.

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Before:  
Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Health  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

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9:30 am  
Conference Room 229

**SCR 91 - REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF  
THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES**

Chair, Vice-Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 91 requesting an auditor study regarding coverage for the regulation of certified professional midwives.

**Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this resolution.**

We think the information from this study will be very useful to all those choosing home birth through a professional midwifery practitioner. With this report the legislature can consider how they can best participate in assuring appropriate care is available for patients needing it.

Accordingly, Kaiser supports requesting the legislative auditor to conduct an impact assessment report pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for your consideration.