
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF
MUSIC THERAPISTS.

1 WHEREAS, the practice of music therapy by unqualified
2 individuals can have negative effects upon public health,
3 safety, and welfare; and
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5 WHEREAS, individuals who can benefit from music therapy
6 include those having mental health needs, developmental and
7 learning disabilities, Alzheimer's disease and other aging
8 related conditions, substance abuse problems, brain injuries,
9 physical disabilities, or acute and chronic pain, including
10 mothers in labor; and
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12 WHEREAS, music therapy is used in hospitals to alleviate
13 patients' pain in conjunction with anesthesia or pain
14 medication; elevate patients' mood and counteract depression;
15 promote movement for physical rehabilitation; calm or sedate
16 patients, often to induce their sleep; counteract patients'
17 apprehension or fear; and lessen patients' muscle tension for
18 the purpose of relaxation; and
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20 WHEREAS, music therapy is used in nursing homes to increase
21 or maintain elderly persons' level of physical, mental, social,
22 and emotional functioning, and the sensory and intellectual
23 stimulation of music can help maintain elderly persons' quality
24 of life; and
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26 WHEREAS, music therapy is used in schools to provide music
27 therapy services listed in an Individualized Education Plan for
28 mainstreamed special learners, and music learning is used to
29 strengthen nonmusical areas such as communication skills and
30 physical coordination skills, which are important for daily
31 life; and



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1 WHEREAS, music therapy is used in psychiatric facilities to
 2 allow persons having mental health needs to explore their
 3 personal feelings, make positive changes in their mood and
 4 emotional states, and enable them to have a sense of control
 5 over their lives through successful experiences, practice
 6 problem solving, and resolve conflicts, thereby leading to their
 7 having stronger family and peer relationships; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 10 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 11 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
 12 conduct a sunrise analysis of the regulation of music
 13 therapists, including a recommendation of whether the regulation
 14 should be through licensure, certification, or registration; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 17 submit a report of findings and recommendations, including any
 18 proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty
 19 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director
 23 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
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OFFERED BY: _____



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