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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ACUPUNCTURE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many statutes  
2 concerning the practice of acupuncture have not been updated in  
3 over twenty years. The legislature further finds that  
4 intramuscular needling and dry needling of trigger points and  
5 other nonspecific points throughout the body should be in  
6 accordance with acupuncture and eastern medicine training and  
7 principles. To strengthen and modernize the acupuncture  
8 industry in the State to best serve patients with various  
9 conditions, existing law should be updated to accurately reflect  
10 the profession's modalities.

11           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a  
12 working group to consider and make recommendations on the scope  
13 of practice for acupuncturists.

14           SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department  
15 of commerce and consumer affairs for administrative purposes a  
16 working group to consider and make recommendations on the scope  
17 of practice for acupuncturists.



- 1 (b) The working group shall consist of the following  
2 members:
- 3 (1) All members of the board of physical therapy;  
4 (2) All members of the board of acupuncture;  
5 (3) Any physical therapists or physical therapist  
6 assistants licensed pursuant to chapter 461J, Hawaii  
7 Revised Statutes, to serve at the invitation of the  
8 chairperson; and  
9 (4) Any acupuncturists licensed pursuant to chapter 436E,  
10 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to serve at the invitation of  
11 the chairperson.
- 12 (c) The working group shall elect a chairperson from among  
13 its members.
- 14 (d) Members of the working group shall serve without  
15 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,  
16 including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their  
17 duties.
- 18 (e) The working group shall submit a report of its  
19 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
20 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
21 to the convening of the regular session of 2021.



1 (f) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2021.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Acupuncture; Scope of Practice; Board of Physical Therapy; Board of Acupuncture; Working Group

**Description:**

Establishes a working group to consider and make recommendations on the scope of practice for acupuncturists. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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