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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS REGARDING THE  
SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES  
AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

1 WHEREAS, this body recognizes that there is a physician  
2 shortage in the State, which often makes it challenging for  
3 rural communities to access health care; and  
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5 WHEREAS, advanced practice registered nurses and physician  
6 assistants are vital health care professionals who are capable  
7 of filling in some of the gaps in access to health care in the  
8 State; and  
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10 WHEREAS, various measures have been introduced during the  
11 past regular sessions of the Legislature that have proposed  
12 expanding the scope of practice for advanced practice registered  
13 nurses and physician assistants; and  
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15 WHEREAS, there is a need to clearly distinguish the scope  
16 of practice of advanced practice registered nurses and physician  
17 assistants and determine the appropriate scope of practice for  
18 each of these professions in the State to better complement the  
19 work of physicians; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
23 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is  
24 requested to conduct an analysis regarding the scope of practice  
25 for advanced practice registered nurses and physician  
26 assistants; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
29 analyze whether each scope of practice should be expanded in  
30 certain areas of medical care and services, including:



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- (1) School-based health services;
- (2) Medical care for minors related to human immunodeficiency virus;
- (3) Abortion care;
- (4) The records review process for prescriptions of controlled substances;
- (5) Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments waived tests; and
- (6) Medical aid in dying; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor may include in the Auditor's analysis a comparison to other jurisdictions and whether those jurisdictions allow for similar expanded scopes of practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Chairperson of the Hawaii Medical Board, and Chairperson of the State Board of Nursing.

OFFERED BY: 

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