
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU 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, that the Legislative Reference Bureau 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 Legislative Reference
29 Bureau is requested to analyze whether each scope of practice
30 should be expanded in certain areas of medical care and
31 services, including:
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- 1 (1) School-based health services;
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3 (2) Medical care for minors related to human
4 immunodeficiency virus;
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6 (3) Abortion care;
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8 (4) The records review process for prescriptions of
9 controlled substances;
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11 (5) Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments waived
12 tests; and
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14 (6) Medical aid in dying; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
17 Bureau may include in the Bureau's analysis a comparison to
18 other jurisdictions and whether those jurisdictions allow for
19 similar expanded scopes of practice; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
22 Bureau is requested to submit a report of the Bureau's findings
23 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
24 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
25 the Regular Session of 2024; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau,
29 Chairperson of the Hawaii Medical Board, and Chairperson of the
30 State Board of Nursing.
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