
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT AN
ANALYSIS OF THE REGULATION AND LICENSURE OF ASSOCIATE
PHYSICIANS.

1 WHEREAS, a 2020 study published by the Hawaii Journal of
2 Health & Social Welfare estimates Hawaii's current estimated
3 physician shortage to be between 710 and 1,008 full time
4 equivalents; and

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6 WHEREAS, physician shortage adversely impacts the health
7 and welfare of Hawaii's residents, particularly vulnerable
8 populations in rural communities; and

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10 WHEREAS, persons who have graduated from an accredited
11 medical school but who have not been accepted to a medical
12 residency program are not eligible to be licensed to practice
13 medicine in the State; and

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15 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 61, introduced during the 2023
16 Regular Session, proposes the authorization of associate
17 physicians to practice medicine in the State and the regulation
18 and licensure of associate physicians; and

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, the Legislative Reference
23 Bureau is respectfully requested to conduct an analysis of the
24 licensure of associate physicians proposed by Senate Bill
25 No. 61, Regular Session of 2023; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
28 Bureau is further requested to submit findings and
29 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Session of 2024; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Legislative
4 Reference Bureau and Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
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