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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND HAWAII PSYCHIATRIC  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE A ROUNDTABLE TO ESTABLISH  
MEDICAL PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S THYROID  
FUNCTION IS TESTED BEFORE PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS FOR  
MENTAL ILLNESS ARE PRESCRIBED.

1           WHEREAS, doctors and others who have prescriptive authority  
2 often appropriately prescribe psychotropic medications to treat  
3 individuals who have a mental illness; and

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5           WHEREAS, literature and experience demonstrates that  
6 sometimes individuals who have a thyroid condition may present  
7 symptoms similar to mental illness; and

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9           WHEREAS, there have been instances where these individuals  
10 have been prescribed psychotropic medications without testing  
11 for the presence of a thyroid condition; and

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13           WHEREAS, subsequent testing has revealed that some  
14 individuals in fact had a thyroid condition and not a mental  
15 illness and that the psychotropic medications they received were  
16 either ineffective or potentially harmful; and

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18           WHEREAS, testing for abnormal thyroid levels is a simple  
19 process that can be done through a blood test; now, therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Medical  
24 Association and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association is  
25 requested to convene a roundtable to establish medical protocols  
26 to ensure that an individual's thyroid function is tested before  
27 psychotropic medications for mental illness are prescribed; and

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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the

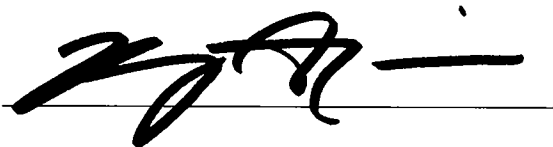


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1 Hawaii Medical Association and President of the Hawaii  
2 Psychiatric Medical Association.

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