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January 17, 2024

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir and Members:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of Resolution No. 24-6, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on January 12, 2024.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure

Resolution

No. 24-6

URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO
SUPPORT SENATE BILL 322 (2023), SD1,
RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS COMPACT

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 322 (2023), SD1, entitled “RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS COMPACT” is pending before the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the bill’s purpose is “to facilitate interstate practice of Licensed Professional Counselors with the goal of improving public access to Professional Counseling services”; and

WHEREAS, the Counseling Compact is an interstate compact allowing professional counselors licensed and residing in a compact member state to practice in other compact member states without the need for multiple licenses; and

WHEREAS, there are 28 states in the compact; and

WHEREAS, if this measure passes, professional counselors would be able to practice in Hawai‘i, which would increase access to mental-health care, especially for those in rural communities where need is the greatest; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health, approximately 11,000 youth in the State had a major depressive episode in 2019, yet only half received mental-health services; and

WHEREAS, the August 2023 wildfires on Maui Island have created an acute need for counseling support by licensed practitioners; and

WHEREAS, if Senate Bill 322 (2023), SD1, were enacted, the State would retain its control over Hawai‘i licensure requirements while simultaneously increasing the pool of potential licensed therapists; and

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WHEREAS, in the 2023 Legislative Session, the bill received support from the United States Department of Defense, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Hawaii Association of Health Plans; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the State Legislature to support State Senate Bill 322 (2023), SD1, relating to the interstate licensed professional counselors compact; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor, State of Hawai'i, the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i; the Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker of the House, and State Representatives, State of Hawai'i; the Honorable Ronald Kouchi, Senate President, and State Senators, State of Hawai'i; Evalina Watanabe, Chair, Commission on Persons with Disabilities, County of Maui; Lori A. Tsuhako, Director of Housing and Human Concerns, County of Maui; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui.

INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 24-6 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 12th day of January, 2024, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA Vice-Chair	Tom COOK	Gabriel JOHNSON	Natalie A. KAMA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Keani N. W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ	Shane M. SINENCI	Nohelani U'U-HODGINS
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



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