
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW OF A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR
OCCUPATIONAL REGISTRATION OF CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

1 WHEREAS, certified athletic trainers are health care
2 professionals who specialize in the prevention, assessment,
3 immediate care, treatment, referral, and rehabilitation of
4 injuries sustained by athletes engaged in physical activity; and
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6 WHEREAS, athletic trainers are certified by the National
7 Athletic Trainers Board of Certification, an independent
8 credentialing agency whose certifications are based upon
9 standards that provide protection to the public and indicate
10 that the athletic trainers have knowledge and skill in six
11 practice domains of athletic training; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature has affirmed the value,
14 importance, and qualifications of certified athletic trainers in
15 the past by appropriating funds to place certified athletic
16 trainers in each of Hawaii's public secondary schools; and
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18 WHEREAS, in addition to the public secondary schools,
19 certified athletic trainers are employed in private secondary
20 schools, colleges and universities, physician offices,
21 hospitals, sports medicine clinics, the military, and fitness
22 centers; and
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24 WHEREAS, there are currently one hundred sixty-five
25 certified athletic trainers in the State of Hawaii; and
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27 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii-Manoa has an accredited
28 athletic training curriculum; and
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30 WHEREAS, because the public has difficulty discerning the
31 difference between athletic trainers, personal trainers, and
32 boxing trainers, there is a risk that unqualified non-
33 credentialed persons will represent themselves as "trainers" and



1 mislead members of the public into believing that they are
2 receiving care from health care professionals; and
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4 WHEREAS, there is a risk that Hawaii's athletic population
5 could suffer consequences such as chronic pain, disability, or
6 loss of life if health care is received from unqualified
7 practitioners; and
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9 WHEREAS, athletic trainers routinely work with children as
10 young as twelve but are one of the few types of health care
11 professionals not subject to occupational registration in
12 Hawaii; and
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14 WHEREAS, the occupational registration of certified
15 athletic trainers would ensure that Hawaii's athletic population
16 receives specialized emergency care, appropriate treatment,
17 rehabilitation, and meets appropriate criteria before being
18 returned to play; and
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20 WHEREAS, the occupational registration of certified
21 athletic trainers would require and verify, as currently
22 required of other health care professions, demonstration of
23 minimum competency in the profession; and
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25 WHEREAS, the occupational registration of certified
26 athletic trainers would provide a mechanism to report and remedy
27 malpractice and ethical violations, thereby reducing an existing
28 threat of harm to the public; and
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30 WHEREAS, as Hawaii is one of the few states without a
31 registration requirement, there is no one to whom the National
32 Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification can report
33 disciplinary actions to ensure that appropriate action is taken
34 to protect the public; and
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36 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires a
37 review by the Auditor before enactment of a measure that would
38 subject an unregulated profession or vocation to licensing or
39 other regulatory control; and
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41 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2601, S.D. 1, was introduced in
42 the 2010 Regular Session and calls for the regulation of
43 athletic trainers through registration; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
4 requested to undertake a sunrise review regarding the
5 occupational registration of certified athletic trainers, rather
6 than licensure, of athletic trainers; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
9 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed
10 amendments to new legislation containing the elements of Senate
11 Bill No. 2601, S.D. 1, to the Legislature not later than twenty
12 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

