
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR VETERINARIANS.

1 WHEREAS, it is of primary importance to the public that
2 veterinarians continue their education throughout the period of
3 their active practice of veterinary medicine; and
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5 WHEREAS, requiring a continued commitment to professional
6 education would enable veterinarians to stay up-to-date in the
7 field of veterinary medicine and be aware of new advancements or
8 concerns; and
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10 WHEREAS, continuing education courses assist veterinarians
11 in providing better, more specialized treatment of animals; and
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13 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of only a few states that do not
14 require continuing education for veterinarians; and
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16 WHEREAS, Hawaii's geographic location presents unique
17 challenges for a veterinarian continuing education requirement
18 and necessitates further collaboration on the topic; now,
19 therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Veterinary
24 Examiners is requested to convene a task force to examine the
25 feasibility of establishing a continuing education requirement
26 for veterinarians; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
29 include but not be limited to:



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- 2 (1) The Executive Officer of the Board of Veterinary
- 3 Examiners, or the Executive Officer's designee;
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- 5 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
- 6 Hawaiian Humane Society, or the Chairperson's
- 7 designee;
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- 9 (3) The President of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical
- 10 Association, or the President's designee; and
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- 12 (4) Members of the veterinary community deemed appropriate
- 13 by the Chairperson of the task force; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer of the
16 Board of Veterinary Examiners is requested to serve as the
17 Chairperson of the task force; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
20 consider:

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- 22 (1) The amount and type of continuing education that
- 23 should be required for veterinarians;
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- 25 (2) The person or entity that should monitor veterinarians
- 26 for compliance with the continuing education
- 27 requirement;
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- 29 (3) Whether certain individuals should be exempt from any
- 30 continuing education requirement; and
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- 32 (4) The challenges presented by Hawaii's unique geographic
- 33 location and ways in which more continuing education
- 34 opportunities may be made available; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
37 submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and
38 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
39 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
40 of 2012; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Officer of
3 the Board of Veterinary Examiners, the President of the Hawaii
4 Veterinary Medical Association, and the President of the Hawaii
5 Veterinary Medical Association.
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