

JAN 25 2012

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE
REGULATION OF BODY PIERCING.

1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. (2012) proposes to regulate
2 body piercing, that is presently unregulated;

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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that body piercing has
5 become very popular in the United States since the 1990s; and

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7 WHEREAS, various areas of the body are subject to piercing,
8 such as the ears, tongue, nose, navel, and eyebrows; and

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10 WHEREAS, body piercing can be associated with health
11 problems such as infection, allergies to the type of jewelry
12 used, nerve damage, tetanus, and tearing of the skin; and

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14 WHEREAS, body piercing, if sterile techniques are not used,
15 also carries a risk of spreading potentially life-threatening
16 diseases such as hepatitis B or hepatitis C, or tuberculosis;
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19 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. requires body piercers to be
20 licensed by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and

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22 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. would require body piercers to
23 perform body piercing only in permitted shops or other
24 locations; and

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26 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
27 the Auditor to review proposals to regulate professions,
28 vocations, or occupations that are currently unregulated and to
29 assess alternative forms of regulation; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is



1 respectfully requested to conduct a sunrise review of the
2 regulation of body piercers as proposed under Senate Bill No.
3 , including an assessment of alternative forms of regulation,
4 pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
7 submit findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation
8 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
9 convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the
13 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
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OFFERED BY: Clarence K. Nishihara

