
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SCHOOL OF NURSING AND DENTAL
HYGIENE TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF ADVANCED PRACTICE
REGISTERED NURSES.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that there is a
2 physician shortage in the State, which often leaves rural
3 communities with challenges to health care access; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature is currently looking at different
6 legislation to expand the scope of practice for advanced
7 practice registered nurses; and
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9 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing,
10 since 2009, the Legislature has passed twenty-two laws related
11 to the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses;
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14 WHEREAS, the 2021 Legislature has or is considering five
15 measures related to expanding the scope of practice for advanced
16 practice registered nurses in a variety of ways in Hawaii; and
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18 WHEREAS, it is challenging to expand the scope of practice
19 for advanced practice registered nurses without a holistic view
20 of what their scope of practice could and should be in Hawaii;
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23 WHEREAS, there is a need to make clear distinctions to
24 understand the differences between physicians and advanced
25 practice registered nurses and what both profession's scope of
26 practice in Hawaii should be; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii



1 School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene is requested to conduct an
2 analysis of advanced practice registered nurses; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in its analysis, the University
5 of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene is requested to
6 include the following:

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- 8 (1) The full scope of practice for advanced practice
9 registered nurses based on national professional
10 guidelines;
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- 12 (2) The distinctions between the educational training and
13 scope of practice between physicians and advanced
14 practice registered nurses;
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- 16 (3) An examination of potential scope of practice
17 limitations for advanced practice registered nurses in
18 the Hawaii Administrative Rules; and
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- 20 (4) A comparative study of how Hawaii differs from other
21 states regarding the scope of practice for advanced
22 practice registered nurses; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii School
25 of Nursing and Dental Hygiene is requested to submit a report of
26 its findings to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
27 to the Regular Session of 2022; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant
31 Governor, and Dean of the University of Hawaii School of Nursing
32 and Dental Hygiene.

