
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF DENTAL THERAPISTS.

1 WHEREAS, the practice of dental therapy involves providing
2 oral health care services under the supervision of a licensed
3 dentist in settings that serve low-income, uninsured, and
4 underserved patients or are located in dental health
5 professional shortage areas; and

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7 WHEREAS, the dental therapist is a mid-level provider with
8 distinct educational, examination, and practice requirements,
9 and whose practice is separate and distinct from the practice of
10 dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assistance; and

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12 WHEREAS, dental therapists currently practice in Minnesota
13 and Alaska and soon, Maine, and are the dental equivalent of
14 nurse practitioners, who are able to perform some, but not all,
15 of a physician's treatments and often are willing to work in
16 areas where doctors are scarce; and

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18 WHEREAS, the practice of dental therapy is currently an
19 unregulated profession in the State and, therefore, specific
20 proposals to regulate the practice must be referred for analysis
21 by the Auditor; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is
26 requested to conduct, pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised
27 Statutes, a sunrise analysis of the profession of dental
28 therapists as proposed under H.B. No. ; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
31 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed



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1 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the
Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

OFFERED BY: _____

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