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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY INCLUDES THE USE OF INJECTIONS FOR ADMINISTERING CERTAIN NATURAL MEDICINES AND MAY BE PERFORMED BY A DULY LICENSED NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN IN THIS STATE.

WHEREAS, naturopathy is the practice of natural medicine, natural therapeutics, and natural procedures, for the purpose of removing toxic conditions from the body and improving the quality, quantity, harmony, balance, and flow of the vital fluids, vital tissues, and vital energy; and

WHEREAS, naturopathic practitioners use a system that bases its treatment of physiological functions and abnormal conditions on natural laws governing the human body for the diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients; and

WHEREAS, this system utilizes physiological, psychological, and mechanical methods, such as air, water, light, sunshine, heat and cold, earth, phytotherapy, physiotherapy, mechanotherapy, naturopathic corrections and manipulation, and natural methods or modalities, together with natural or homeopathic medicines, natural foods, and herbs, and nature's remedies of the type taught in education and training at naturopathic medical colleges; and

WHEREAS, the practice of naturopathy excludes surgery, application of x-rays, and prescribing, dispensing, or using prescription drugs except as provided for in the definition of natural medicine in section 455-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, naturopathic physicians are required to be appropriately educated and licensed pursuant to chapter 455, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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WHEREAS, injection is often the appropriate route of administration in the utilization of natural medicines; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of Health and the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs are requested to recognize that the practice of naturopathy includes the use of injections for administering certain natural medicines and may be performed by a duly licensed naturopathic physician in this State; and

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

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