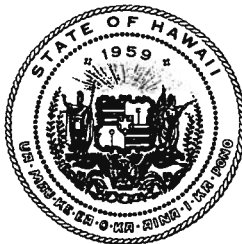


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October 30, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 003  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Sunrise Analysis: Genetic Counselors*.

We concluded that the proposed regulation of genetic counselors in Hawaii is not necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. There is no evidence of harm from genetic counselors, who are already certified under a national program and who work under the supervision of licensed medical personnel. The proposed regulation is not a true licensing program, but a title protection measure. Moreover, state regulation should not be used to enhance an occupation's status, job security, or pay.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the report on our website, [www.state.hi.us/auditor](http://www.state.hi.us/auditor), and release it to the public and press, on Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "marion m. higa".

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Enclosure

✓ c: Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk