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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
COLONOSCOPY COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING.

1           WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is a collective term that refers  
2 to both cancer of the colon and cancer of the rectum; and  
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4           WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and  
5 Prevention, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of  
6 cancer deaths in the United States after lung cancer; and  
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8           WHEREAS, excluding skin cancers, the American Cancer Society  
9 counts colorectal cancer as the third most commonly occurring  
10 cancer in the country, affecting both men and women; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that there  
13 were approximately 108,070 new colorectal cancer diagnoses made  
14 in 2008, which the Society forecasts will result in almost fifty  
15 thousand deaths, or slightly less than one-half of those  
16 afflicted; and  
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18           WHEREAS, in Hawaii, seven hundred residents will be  
19 diagnosed with colorectal cancer and over two hundred will die;  
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22           WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the most treatable  
23 forms of cancer when diagnosed early through available screening  
24 techniques, including the following techniques listed in the  
25 American Cancer Society's 2008, revised colorectal guideline:  
26 colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, double contrast barium  
27 enema, CT colonoscopy (virtual colonoscopy), fecal occult blood  
28 test, fecal immunochemical test, and stool DNA test; and  
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30           WHEREAS, recent studies by The Lewin Group and Milliman USA  
31 show that the cost of cancer prevention and detection is \$.55 per



1 person per month, which is very low compared to the cost of  
2 treatment; and  
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4 WHEREAS, colonoscopy is considered a safe and highly  
5 effective diagnostic technique that studies have found to be more  
6 accurate and less invasive than other forms of screening and that  
7 was reported by Duke University Medical Center, in 2004, to be  
8 the "most reliable way to find colon cancer and the growths that  
9 could become colon cancer"; and  
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11 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 823 has been introduced during the  
12 Regular Session of 2009 that proposes to mandate health insurance  
13 screening coverage for colorectal cancer utilizing colonoscopy,  
14 as well as screening tests and procedures recommended in the  
15 American Cancer Society's 2008, revised colorectal cancer  
16 guideline; and  
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18 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
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21 "Before any legislative measure that mandates health  
22 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
23 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as  
24 part of individual or group health insurance policies, can  
25 be considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed  
26 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the  
27 legislature a report that assesses both the social and  
28 financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage..."; and  
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30 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, outlines  
31 the specific topics to be addressed in the Auditor's report  
32 required under section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes; now,  
33 therefore,  
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
36 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
37 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to  
38 conduct an impact assessment report pursuant to sections 23-51  
39 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social and financial  
40 effects of mandating coverage for colorectal cancer screening by  
41 colonoscopy and screening tests and procedures as further  
42 described by House Bill No. 823 (Regular Session of 2009); and  
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# H.C.R. NO. 109

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
2 submit a report on the Auditor's findings and recommendations to  
3 the Legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of  
4 the Regular Session of 2010; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the  
8 Insurance Commissioner who, in turn, is requested to transmit  
9 copies to each organization that issues health insurance  
10 policies in the State that may be affected by the Concurrent  
11 Resolution.  
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