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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
LACTATION CONSULTANT SERVICES.

1           WHEREAS, breastfeeding provides infants with nutrients for  
2 healthy growth, delivers antibodies to develop an infant's  
3 immune system; reduces the risk of jaundice in infants, and  
4 decreases the risk of allergies; and

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6           WHEREAS, breastfeeding provides physical and psychological  
7 benefits, including increased bonding between the mother and  
8 infant when breastfeeding techniques are properly learned; and  
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10           WHEREAS, in addition to the health benefits for the mother  
11 and infant, breastfeeding offers environmental benefits in that  
12 it produces less non-recyclable waste than bottle feeding and  
13 leaves no carbon footprint; and

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15           WHEREAS, a lactation consultant is a health care  
16 professional, often a nurse, whose most important role is  
17 offering breastfeeding assistance and education, assisting  
18 mothers to breastfeed comfortably and effectively; and  
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20           WHEREAS, a visit with a lactation consultant often provides  
21 a mother with the support, education, and confidence to  
22 breastfeed successfully and results in healthier infants and  
23 mothers and reduces the likelihood of illnesses, allergies, and  
24 costly medical treatments; and

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26           WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
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1 "Before any legislative measure that mandates health  
 2 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
 3 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as  
 4 part of individual or group health insurance policies, can  
 5 be considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed  
 6 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the  
 7 legislature a report that assesses both the social and  
 8 financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage"; and  
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10 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, sets forth  
 11 the information to be included in the Auditor's report; now,  
 12 therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 15 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 16 Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is  
 17 requested to conduct an impact assessment report pursuant to  
 18 sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social  
 19 and financial impact of mandating health insurance coverage for  
 20 lactation consultant services, as further described by Senate  
 21 Bill No. \_\_\_\_ and House Bill No. \_\_\_\_; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
 24 submit a report of findings and recommendations to the  
 25 Legislature, which shall include any necessary legislation, at  
 26 least twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
 27 of 2010; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the  
 31 Insurance Commissioner, who, in turn, is requested to transmit  
 32 copies to each organization that issues health insurance  
 33 policies in the State.  
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OFFERED BY: Mailely B. Lee

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