
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTS THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO REVIEW AND COMPARE THE
HEALTH CARE BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM
AND THE PREPAID HEALTH CARE ACT.

1 WHEREAS, under the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act, many
2 employees and their families are able to receive health care
3 benefits by paying for a portion of the health care premium with
4 the remainder being paid for by their employers; and
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6 WHEREAS, despite the broad coverage of the Hawaii Prepaid
7 Health Care Act, there are still many employees who are not able
8 or eligible to receive health care benefits; and
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10 WHEREAS, under the federal Medicaid program, states can
11 receive a waiver under Section 1115, U.S.C.A. Title 42, to
12 expand Medicaid coverage to families earning up to three hundred
13 per cent of the federal poverty level; and
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15 WHEREAS, under the Medicaid program, states must contribute
16 a percentage of the funds, known as the state match, to pay for
17 the health care benefits provided; and
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19 WHEREAS, sweeping health care reform recently passed by
20 Congress has provided a great opportunity for each state to
21 revisit and analyze its own health care coverage in a manner
22 that would improve upon the number of people covered with health
23 care as well as the quality of care each person receives; and
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25 WHEREAS, the health care benefits provided under the
26 Medicaid program are similar to the benefits available under the
27 Prepaid Health Care Act; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of the
32 Auditor is requested to review the health care benefits



1 available under the Medicaid program and the Prepaid Health Care
2 Act and report where the benefits provided are the same and
3 where they differ, and whether the benefits under the Medicaid
4 program can be made similar to the benefits available under the
5 Prepaid Health Care Act, and to analyze the federal health care
6 reform recently passed by Congress to determine its potential
7 impact on the people of Hawaii; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is
10 requested to review the scope of the Medicaid waiver program or
11 any program in the Medicaid Act which allows for expansion of
12 coverage to determine the feasibility of:
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14 (1) Covering private sector employees and their families
15 earning less than three hundred per cent of the
16 federal poverty level under the Medicaid Act
17 regardless of whether the employee is currently
18 covered under the Prepaid Health Care Act; and
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20 (2) Using the amount of the employer's payment for
21 coverage under the Prepaid Health Care Act to
22 reimburse the State for its portion of the state match
23 in order to pay for coverage of private employees who
24 are eligible for Medicaid because they earn less than
25 three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level;
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is
29 requested to submit its report to the Legislature on the above
30 matters no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the
31 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
35 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the State
36 Auditor, and the Director of Health.

