SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 119 enacted by the Legislature in the 1999 Regular Session, the Office of the Auditor, State of Hawaii, conducted an audit of the Adult Mental Health Division's Management of Contracted Community Services; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 119, the Auditor submitted its final report to the Legislature in February of 2002; and

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WHEREAS, the Auditor found that the Adult Mental Health Division Chief was derelict in her duties, and that the Director of Health, who oversees the Division Chief, overlooked several concerns; and

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WHEREAS, the Auditor noted that millions of dollars were spent without ensuring the maximum purchasing value of public funds, contracts were awarded to vendors without assuring that all proposals were fairly evaluated and without following specifications set forth in the request for proposals, and significant modifications changed the contracts' scopes and prevented adherence with the open competition and fairness principles of the Hawaii Public Procurement Code; and

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WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the Department of Health is encountering major changes in administration, eligibility requirements, services, and structure; and

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28 29 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that it is appropriate to review the Adult Mental Health Division's management as well as its fiscal operations again since the last audit was executed nine years ago; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of the

Auditor is requested to conduct a management and financial audit of the Adult Mental Health Division of the Department of Health;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor submit a report on the audit findings to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor, the Director of Health, and Mental Health America of Hawaii.

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OFFERED BY: Thranne Chun albland.

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