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## SENATE 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,  
31 that the Office of the Auditor is requested to review the health  
32 care benefits available under the Medicaid program and the  
33 Prepaid Health Care Act and report where the benefits provided  
34 are the same and where they differ, and whether the benefits  
35 under the Medicaid program can be made similar to the benefits



1 available under the Prepaid Health Care Act, and to analyze the  
2 federal health care reform recently passed by Congress to  
3 determine its potential impact on the people of Hawaii; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is  
6 requested to review the scope of the Medicaid waiver program or  
7 any program in the Medicaid Act which allows for expansion of  
8 coverage to determine the feasibility of:  
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10 (1) Covering private sector employees and their families  
11 earning less than three hundred per cent of the  
12 federal poverty level under the Medicaid Act  
13 regardless of whether the employee is currently  
14 covered under the Prepaid Health Care Act; and  
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16 (2) Using the amount of the employer's payment for  
17 coverage under the Prepaid Health Care Act to  
18 reimburse the State for its portion of the state match  
19 in order to pay for coverage of private employees who  
20 are eligible for Medicaid because they earn less than  
21 three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level;  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is  
25 requested to submit its report to the Legislature on the above  
26 matters no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the  
27 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate, the  
31 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the State Auditor, and  
32 the Director of Health.

