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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF
PROPOSED MANDATORY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COVERAGE FOR
CRISIS SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT.

1 WHEREAS, there currently exists in this State a large
2 population of people who abuse various substances or alcohol;
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5 WHEREAS, many of the patients suffering from the substance
6 abuse or alcohol abuse do not have insurance coverage that would
7 enable them to receive adequate treatment; and
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9 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 731, S.D. 1, has been introduced
10 in the Legislature during the Regular Session of 2011, and
11 proposes to require health insurance coverage for crisis
12 substance abuse and alcohol treatment, including individual and
13 group counseling, to extend for a period of thirty to sixty days
14 for patients that have or are known to have substance abuse
15 problems; and
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17 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
18 that before any legislative measure mandating health insurance
19 coverage for specific health services can be considered, there
20 shall be concurrent resolutions passed to request the Auditor to
21 prepare and submit a report to the Legislature that assesses the
22 social and financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage;
23 now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
28 requested to conduct an impact assessment in accordance with
29 sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, on the
30 proposed mandatory health insurance coverage for crisis
31 substance abuse and alcohol treatment; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
2 submit its findings and recommendations, including proposed
3 legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
4 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
8 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Auditor, and to
9 the Insurance Commissioner who, in turn is requested to transmit
10 copies to each insurer in the State that issues health insurance
11 policies.
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