
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT ON
LEGISLATION MANDATING CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is the goal of all
2 people in Hawaii to have access to health care in all its
3 facets, including affordable access to prescription drugs; and
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5 WHEREAS, the public relies heavily on health insurance
6 policies to provide adequate medical care; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that current health
9 insurance policies do not require insurers to cover outpatient
10 prescription drugs, nor do they impose coverage requirements on
11 insurers that do provide outpatient prescription drug coverage;
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14 WHEREAS, S.B. No. , introduced during the Regular
15 Session of 2012, seeks to mandate that certain individual and
16 group accident and health or sickness policies, contracts,
17 plans, or agreements issued or renewed in this State after
18 December 31, 2012, cover outpatient prescription drugs and that
19 they shall not require coinsurance as a basis for cost sharing
20 with enrollees for outpatient prescription drug benefits; and
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22 WHEREAS, S.B. No. (2012) also seeks to impose
23 limitations on the amount of copayments insureds must pay for
24 prescription drugs; and
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26 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
27 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health
28 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
29 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
30 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be
31 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed
32 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature



1 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of
2 the proposed mandated coverage"; and

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4 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further
5 provides that "[t]he concurrent resolutions shall designate a
6 specific legislative bill that:

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- 8 (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and
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- 10 (2) Includes, at a minimum, information identifying the:
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 - 12 (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider
 - 13 that would be covered;
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 - 15 (B) Extent of the coverage;
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 - 17 (C) Target groups that would be covered;
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 - 19 (D) Limits on utilization, if any; and
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 - 21 (E) Standards of care.
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23 For purposes of this part, mandated health insurance coverage
24 shall not include mandated optionals"; and

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26 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further
27 specifies the minimum information required for assessing the
28 social and financial impacts of the proposed health coverage
29 mandate in the Auditor's report; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
34 requested to conduct an impact assessment report, pursuant to
35 sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social
36 and financial impacts of mandating certain health insurance
37 coverage for outpatient prescription drugs, as provided in S.B.
38 No. (2012); and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
41 submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature,
42 including any necessary implementing legislation, no later than
43 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
44 2013; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and to the
4 Insurance Commissioner, who, in turn, is requested to transmit
5 copies to each insurer in the State that issues health insurance
6 policies.

