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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ANNUAL
BODY MASS INDEX MEASUREMENTS FOR CHILDREN.

1 WHEREAS, childhood obesity is a serious medical condition
2 affecting Hawaii's children and adolescents; and
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4 WHEREAS, childhood obesity often leads to health problems
5 that were once limited to adults such as diabetes, high blood
6 pressure, and high cholesterol; and
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8 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
9 Prevention, body mass index is a reliable indicator of body fat;
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12 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
13 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health
14 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
15 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
16 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be
17 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed
18 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature
19 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of
20 the proposed mandated coverage"; and
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22 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further
23 provides that "[t]he concurrent resolutions shall designate a
24 specific legislative bill that:
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26 (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and
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28 (2) Includes, at minimum, information identifying the:
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30 (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider
31 that would be covered;
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- 1 (B) Extent of the coverage;
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- 3 (C) Target groups that would be covered;
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- 5 (D) Limits on utilization, if any; and
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- 7 (E) Standards of care.
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9 For purposes of this part, mandated health insurance coverage
10 shall not include mandated optional"; and

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12 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further
13 specifies the minimum information required to be included in the
14 Auditor's report; and

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16 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 2351 (Regular Session of 2014) requires
17 primary care physicians and pediatricians to provide an annual
18 body mass index measurement to patients from age two to eighteen
19 years; and

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21 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 2351 (Regular Session of 2014) requires
22 primary care physicians and pediatricians to annually report
23 anonymous age and body mass index statistics to the Department
24 of Health; and

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26 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 2351 (Regular Session of 2014) mandates
27 all individual and group insurance policies to provide coverage
28 for body mass index measurements for individuals from age two to
29 eighteen years; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that mandatory health
32 insurance coverage for body mass index measurement for children,
33 as provided in S.B. No. 2351 (Regular Session of 2014), will
34 substantially reduce illness and health care costs; now,
35 therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
38 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
39 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
40 requested to conduct an impact assessment pursuant to sections
41 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social and
42 financial effects of mandating health insurance coverage for
43 body mass index measurement for children pursuant to S.B. No.
44 2351 (Regular Session of 2014); and



