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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SEXUALLY  
TRANSMITTED DISEASE TESTING.

1           WHEREAS, some women may have difficulty receiving proper  
2 screenings for sexually transmitted diseases; and  
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4           WHEREAS, more than 1,200,000 people in the United States  
5 are living with human immunodeficiency virus and almost one in  
6 eight affected persons is unaware of the infection; and  
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8           WHEREAS, it is estimated that, each year, more than fifty  
9 thousand cases of human immunodeficiency virus are reported,  
10 with one in four of the new infections striking those between  
11 the ages of thirteen and twenty-four; and  
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13           WHEREAS, Hawaii has the fifteenth highest rate of  
14 chlamydial infection in the country, with significant  
15 disparities across age and racial and ethnic groups in disease  
16 prevalence; and  
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18           WHEREAS, despite clear national recommendations for  
19 sexually transmitted disease testing, rates of testing in young  
20 women are troublingly low; and  
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22           WHEREAS, early detection of sexually transmitted diseases  
23 is paramount to proper health care; and  
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25           WHEREAS, preventive health services can save lives and  
26 improve health by identifying illnesses earlier, managing  
27 illnesses more effectively, and treating illnesses before they  
28 develop into more complicated, debilitating conditions; and  
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30           WHEREAS, certain health care providers may not screen  
31 specifically for some sexually transmitted diseases, even though  
32 the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010



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1 requires health insurance to cover recommended preventive health  
2 services without any patient cost sharing; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
7 requested to conduct a sunrise review of insurance coverage for  
8 sexually transmitted disease testing as proposed in S.B. No.  
9 2323, S.D. 1, Regular Session of Hawaii 2016; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
12 submit its findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
13 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
14 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.  
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