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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR NUTRITION AND LIFESTYLE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING AN ANALYSIS OF MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM OFFERED TO PATIENTS FOUND TO HAVE ABNORMAL BLOOD GLUCOSE.

1 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2220, H.D. 1, is pending in the  
2 Regular Session of 2016, and proposes that policy coverage for  
3 health insurance include nutrition and lifestyle programs  
4 intended to treat diabetes and pre-diabetes; and

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6 WHEREAS, diabetes and pre-diabetes rates have been steadily  
7 increasing in Hawaii, with nearly one quarter of adults in the  
8 State reporting having diabetes or pre-diabetes; and

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10 WHEREAS, a recommended first step for coverage of lifestyle  
11 programs intended to treat diabetes and pre-diabetes is  
12 expanding insurance coverage to include access to the National  
13 Diabetes Prevention Program, a program developed and evaluated  
14 by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which  
15 has been proven to reduce the onset of diabetes in at-risk  
16 adults by fifty-eight percent and uses cost-effective,  
17 community-based intervention; and

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19 WHEREAS, the inclusion of coverage for behavioral  
20 counseling for patients with abnormal blood glucose follows the  
21 new recommendation, released on October 27, 2015, by the United  
22 States Preventive Services Task Force; and

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24 WHEREAS, the United States Preventive Services Task Force  
25 recommendations state that clinicians should offer or refer  
26 patients with abnormal glucose to intensive behavioral



1 counseling interventions to promote healthful diet and physical  
2 activity; and

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4 WHEREAS, while many of Hawaii's health plans cover  
5 screenings for pre-diabetes, most health plans do not cover  
6 National Diabetes Prevention Program services that can help  
7 people achieve normal blood sugar levels and prevent diabetes;  
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10 WHEREAS, the Auditor is required by section 23-51, Hawaii  
11 Revised Statutes, to prepare and submit a report to the  
12 Legislature on any legislative measure that mandates health  
13 insurance coverage; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
18 requested to conduct a sunrise analysis of House Bill No. 2220,  
19 H.D. 1, introduced during the Regular Session of 2016, including  
20 an analysis of mandatory insurance coverage for the National  
21 Diabetes Prevention Program offered to patients found to have  
22 abnormal blood glucose; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
25 submit a report of findings and recommendations, including any  
26 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
27 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Acting State Auditor  
31 and Insurance Commissioner.

