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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR  
ROUTINE SCREENINGS OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION AND  
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS FOR ALL PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF  
AGE, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE, OR ETHNICITY OR THE  
PRESENTATION OF POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS OF ANY SEXUALLY  
TRANSMITTED INFECTION AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS.

1 WHEREAS, screening for sexually transmitted infections and  
2 human immunodeficiency virus is vital for individual and public  
3 health; and

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5 WHEREAS, in 2018, the United States experienced a record  
6 number of confirmed cases of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia  
7 infections; and

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9 WHEREAS, screening is defined as routine testing for  
10 patients without symptoms, as opposed to diagnostic testing,  
11 which is defined as testing to investigate symptoms; and

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13 WHEREAS, many observations of sexually transmitted  
14 infections are asymptomatic, and patients may be unaware of  
15 their status without screening; and

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17 WHEREAS, health insurance provider policies may not cover  
18 sexually transmitted infection and human immunodeficiency virus  
19 screenings to individuals of specific demographic groups  
20 determined to be of lower risk; and

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22 WHEREAS, individual persons possess a better understanding  
23 of their own health and level of risk; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
26 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
27 Representatives concurring, that health insurance companies are  
28 urged to provide coverage for routine screenings of sexually  
29 transmitted infection and human immunodeficiency virus for all



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1 persons, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, or  
 2 ethnicity or the presentation of possible symptoms of any  
 3 sexually transmitted infection and human immunodeficiency virus;  
 4 and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Insurance  
 8 Commissioner, who, in turn, is requested to transmit copies to  
 9 each insurer in the State that issues health insurance policies.

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