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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has long been a leader in advancing
2 reproductive rights and advocating for equitable and affordable
3 access to sexual and reproductive health care; and
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5 WHEREAS, federal protections for abortion, preventative
6 care, contraceptives, and other sexual and reproductive health
7 care services are consistently threatened, making state
8 protections for these services especially critical; and
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10 WHEREAS, other states have enacted laws that effectively
11 eliminate abortion access in the states, reflecting a broad
12 strategy to challenge and overturn the United States Supreme
13 Court's holding in Roe v. Wade, which protects abortion access;
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16 WHEREAS, the Trump administration made it difficult for
17 insurers to cover abortion care and assembled a Supreme Court
18 that may restrict abortion access and strike down the Patient
19 Protection and Affordable Care Act; and
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21 WHEREAS, eliminating the Patient Protection and Affordable
22 Care Act would force many Hawaii residents to pay more out-of-
23 pocket health care costs, leading many to delay or forego needed
24 care; and
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26 WHEREAS, access to sexual and reproductive health care,
27 including no-cost preventive services, is critical for the
28 health and economic security of all people in Hawaii and will
29 help avoid more costly treatments in the future; and
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1 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 249, originally introduced during
2 the Regular Session of 2021, would prohibit discrimination in
3 the provision of sexual and reproductive health care services
4 and requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and
5 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage without
6 cost-sharing for a range of reproductive health services, drugs,
7 devices, products, and procedures; and
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9 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
10 that, before considering any legislative measure that mandates
11 health insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
12 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
13 of individual or group health insurance policies, the
14 Legislature shall pass a concurrent resolution asking the
15 Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that
16 assesses the social and financial effects of the proposed
17 mandatory coverage; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senatethe House of Representatives
20 concurring of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of
21 Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the House of Representatives
22 concurring, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a social
23 and financial assessment of House Bill No. 249, which was
24 introduced during the Regular Session of 2021; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
27 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
28 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
29 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
30 of 2023; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of
34 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.
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OFFERED BY:

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