



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

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**H.C.R. NO. 112 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND
FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE FOR VARIOUS SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE
SERVICES**

**H.R. NO. 118 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND
FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE FOR VARIOUS SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE
SERVICES**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

The Office of the Auditor offers comments on H.C.R. No. 112 and H.R. No. 118, which request the Auditor conduct a social and financial assessment of proposed mandatory health insurance coverage for various sexual and reproductive health care services as proposed by H.B. No. 1180 (HB1180) and H.B. No. 1179 (HB1179). Pursuant to Section 23-51, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), a concurrent resolution must pass, and the concurrent resolution shall designate a bill introduced in the legislature that must include, at minimum, the following information identifying the (1) specific health service, disease, or provider that would be covered; (2) extent of the coverage; (3) target groups that would be covered; (4) limits of utilization, if any; and (5) standards of care.

HB1180 and HB1179 are bills that propose mandatory health insurance coverage for different services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures that are mandated federally due to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Therefore, the proposed mandatory health insurance coverage is to preserve aspects of the federal law, rather than propose a new mandatory health insurance mandate. Some of the services in HB1180 and HB1179 are already mandated by state law. For example, an annual screening mammogram is covered for an insured person forty years of age and older.

We also note that HB1180 and HB1179 have substantively similar language; however, HB1179 adds cost-sharing provisions. If the committee moves this measure forward, we ask the committee to select one bill that includes the minimum information required in Section 23-51, HRS.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.C.R. No. 112 and H.R. No. 118.



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Re: HCR 112 / HR 118 – Requesting the Auditor to conduct a social and financial assessment of proposed mandatory health insurance coverage for various sexual and reproductive health care services

Dear Chair Nakashima, Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Sayama, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committees:

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HCR112 and HR118, which are requesting the State to conduct a social and financial assessment of proposed mandatory health insurance coverage for various sexual and reproductive health care services proposed in HB1180 and HB1179, Regular Session 2023.

HMSA appreciates the legislature's intent to encourage access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services in Hawaii. HMSA currently covers the preventative services listed in HB1180 and HB1179, Regular Session 2023, as mandated by the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HCR 112 and HR 118

Sincerely,

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