



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, & HOMELESSNESS
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Adrian K. Tam, Vice Chair

**H.C.R. NO. 9 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND
FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE**

**H.R. NO. 6 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND
FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

The Office of the Auditor appreciates the opportunity to testify on H.C.R. No. 9 and H.R. No. 6, requesting the auditor to conduct a social and financial assessment of proposed mandatory health insurance coverage. We have concerns about our ability to perform the work required by the resolutions and offer the following comments.

The list of services enumerated in the resolutions is significant and we have strong concerns about our capacity to perform the work required by these resolutions without additional staff.

We currently are statutorily mandated to regularly audit the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, and the Deposit Beverage Container Program; to review departments' special funds, revolving funds, trust funds, and trust accounts; to assess proposed special and revolving funds; and to analyze the State's tax incentives. We are concerned we do not have the capacity to perform, internally, the work required by the resolutions.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.C.R. No. 9 and H.R. No. 6.

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Submitted on: 3/24/2022 9:22:55 PM

Testimony for HHH on 3/29/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is against our Constitutional rights no body should be Forced to Have Health insurance. How much are you gettig payed from the insurance Compaines. All those that are cought will be prosecuted. This is illegal and you know this!! To much crooks in the Government!!

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Submitted on: 3/27/2022 9:21:40 AM

Testimony for HHH on 3/29/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joan White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairperson Yamane, Vice Chairperson Tam,

I am writing in strong support of House Resolution No. 6. As clearly pointed out in the resolution, federal protections for abortion, preventative care, contraceptives and other sexual and reproductive health care services are under serious threat today in many parts of the United States. Hawaii has always stood separately and early in the position that these services are paramount to an individuals health and wellbeing and the government has a responsibility to ensure the quality and availability of those services to its people. Hawaii has always stood out as a leader in this regard and has long been recognized for being a standard bearer. I respectfully request that this resolution be passed and that we strengthen the quality, breadth and availability of sexual health services in Hawaii, while also reducing barriers to accessing services. With my mahalo for your leadership on these vital issues, and my aloha for taking up and passing this important House Resolution.



March 25, 2022

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Adrian K. Tam, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

HCR 9 / HR 6 – Requesting the Auditor to conduct a social and financial assessment of proposed mandatory health insurance coverage.

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Tam, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP) appreciates the opportunity to testify providing **comments** on HCR 9 and HR 6. HAHP is a statewide partnership of Hawaii’s health plans and affiliated organizations to improve the health of Hawaii’s communities together. The vast majority of Hawaii residents receive their health coverage through a health plan associated with one of our organizations.

HAHP supports the intent of these resolutions to request that the State Auditor study the social and financial impacts of these proposed mandates to health insurance coverage. We respectfully request the following amendments as we believe they may be helpful to further refine the Auditor’s study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to determine if the proposed mandated benefits in this bill are in excess of the essential health benefits, thus requiring the state to defray such costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to research whether the mandating of abortion services, at no cost-share, is in violation of the ACA Sect 1303, which explicitly prohibits abortion from coverage as an “essential benefit.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HCR 9 and HR 6.

Sincerely,

HAHP Public Policy Committee

cc: HAHP Board Members

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