
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
FOR VARIOUS SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

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, preventive care,
6 contraceptives, and other sexual and reproductive health care
7 services are consistently threatened, making state protections
8 for these services especially critical; and
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10 WHEREAS, numerous states have enacted laws that effectively
11 eliminate abortion access in those states following the Supreme
12 Court of the United States' overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, which
13 had previously protected abortion access throughout the country;
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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 whose actions resulted in restricted abortion access, and that
19 may strike down the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;
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22 WHEREAS, eliminating the Patient Protection and Affordable
23 Care Act would force many Hawaii residents to pay more
24 out-of-pocket health care costs, leading many to delay or forego
25 needed care; and
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27 WHEREAS, access to sexual and reproductive health care,
28 including no-cost preventive services, is critical for the
29 health and economic security of all people in Hawaii and will
30 help avoid more costly treatments in the future; and



1 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1180, introduced during the Regular
2 Session of 2023, would prohibit discrimination in the provision
3 of sexual and reproductive health care services; and
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5 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
6 that, before considering any legislative measure that mandates
7 health insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
8 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
9 of individual or group health insurance policies, the
10 Legislature shall adopt a concurrent resolution asking the
11 Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that
12 assesses the social and financial effects of the proposed
13 mandatory coverage; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session of 2023, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a
18 social and financial assessment of mandatory health insurance
19 coverage for various sexual and reproductive health care
20 services as proposed by House Bill No. 1180 (Regular Session of
21 2023); and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
24 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
25 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
26 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
27 of 2024; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of Commerce
31 and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.
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