
SENATE CONCURRENT 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



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 2 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1179, introduced during the Regular
 3 Session of 2023, would prohibit discrimination in the provision
 4 of sexual and reproductive health care services and also
 5 requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health
 6 maintenance organizations to provide coverage without
 7 cost-sharing for a range of reproductive health services, drugs,
 8 devices, products, and procedures; and
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10 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1180, introduced during the Regular
 11 Session of 2023, would prohibit discrimination in the provision
 12 of sexual and reproductive health care services and also
 13 requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health
 14 maintenance organizations to provide coverage, with cost-sharing
 15 allowed, for a range of reproductive health services, drugs,
 16 devices, products, and procedures; and
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18 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
 19 that, before considering any legislative measure that mandates
 20 health insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
 21 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
 22 of individual or group health insurance policies, the
 23 Legislature shall adopt a concurrent resolution asking the
 24 Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that
 25 assesses the social and financial effects of the proposed
 26 mandatory coverage; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
 29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
 30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
 31 requested to conduct a social and financial assessment of
 32 mandatory health insurance coverage for various sexual and
 33 reproductive health care services as proposed by House Bill
 34 No. 1179, Regular Session of 2023, and House Bill No. 1180,
 35 Regular Session of 2023; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 38 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
 39 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
 40 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 41 of 2024; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of
3 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.

