

JAN 25 2023

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
EFFECTS OF MANDATING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN
BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS AND ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL
IMAGING.

1 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of death
2 in the United States and the most commonly diagnosed cancer in
3 women; and

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5 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention, breast cancer screenings help to reduce deaths,
7 increase women's life expectancy, decrease the number of women
8 diagnosed with late-stage cancer, increase the five-year
9 survival rates for those diagnosed, and reduce the cost of
10 cancer treatments; and

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12 WHEREAS, health insurers are currently not required to
13 cover annual mammograms for women under forty years of age
14 unless recommended by a physician; and

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16 WHEREAS, health insurers are also not required to provide
17 coverage for formal risk factor screening assessments or certain
18 supplemental imaging; and

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20 WHEREAS, S.B. No. , introduced during the Regular
21 Session of 2023, expands the required coverage of breast cancer
22 screening and imaging to include annual mammograms for women of
23 any age having an above-average risk of developing breast
24 cancer, risk factor screening for women thirty years of age or
25 older, and additional supplemental imaging for all women,
26 regardless of age, as deemed medically necessary by an
27 applicable American College of Radiology guideline; and

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29 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised
30 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health
31 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific



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1 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
2 of individual or group health insurance policies can be
3 considered, concurrent resolutions shall be passed that request
4 the Auditor to review the measure and to prepare a report for
5 submission to the Legislature that assesses the social and
6 financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage; now,
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
12 requested to conduct an assessment, pursuant to sections 23-51
13 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social and financial
14 effects of mandating health insurance coverage for the breast
15 cancer screenings and additional supplemental imaging proposed
16 in S.B. No. , which was introduced during the Regular
17 Session of 2023; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
20 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
21 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
22 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
23 of 2024; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and
27 Insurance Commissioner.

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OFFERED BY:

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