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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF MANDATING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAPHY, ON TERMS AT LEAST AS FAVORABLE TO THE INSURED AS THOSE APPLICABLE TO OTHER RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

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 reduce the costs of cancer treatments, decrease the number of
8 women diagnosed with late-stage cancer, increase the five-year
9 survival rates for those so diagnosed, and increase women's life
10 expectancy; and

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12 WHEREAS, health insurers are currently not required to
13 provide one hundred percent coverage for mammograms, so
14 copayments and deductibles often apply; and

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16 WHEREAS, these copayments and deductibles may make it cost
17 prohibitive for some women to receive mammograms annually or
18 when recommended by their health care providers; and

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20 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 272, introduced during the Regular
21 Session of 2023, requires health insurers, mutual benefit
22 societies, and health maintenance organizations to cover
23 mandated services for mammography on terms at least as favorable
24 to the insured as the terms for other radiological examinations;
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27 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised
28 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health
29 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
30 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
31 of individual or group health insurance policies can be
32 considered, concurrent resolutions shall be adopted that request
33 the Auditor to review the measure and to prepare a report for
34 submission to the Legislature that assesses the social and



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1 financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
6 that the Auditor is requested to conduct an assessment, pursuant
7 to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the
8 social and financial effects of mandating health insurance
9 coverage for mammography on the terms proposed in Senate Bill
10 No. 272, which was introduced during the Regular Session of
11 2023; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
14 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
15 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
16 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
17 of 2024; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Insurance
21 Commissioner.

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OFFERED BY:

