



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

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**H.C.R. NO. 201 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS
ON MANDATING PARITY IN VITRO FERTILIZATION HEALTH INSURANCE
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Hearing: Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

The Office of the Auditor offers comments on H.C.R. No. 201 and H.R. No. 205, which request the Auditor perform a “sunrise” analysis of mandating parity in in vitro fertilization health insurance coverage. H.C.R. No. 201 and H.R. No. 205 name an unspecified Senate Bill that will require health insurers and similar entities that provide coverage for in vitro fertilization procedures for certain married opposite-sex couples to provide parity coverage for same-sex couples, unmarried women, and opposite-sex couple for whom male infertility is the relevant factor.

Pursuant Section 23-51, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, a concurrent resolution must pass requesting the Auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage. In addition, the concurrent resolution shall designate a bill introduced in the legislature that must include, at minimum, the following information identifying the (1) specific health service, disease, or provider that would be covered; (2) extent of the coverage; (3) target groups that would be covered; (4) limits of utilization, if any; and (5) standards of care. To clarify the social and financial assessment of a proposed mandatory health insurance coverage, we ask the committee to select a bill that includes the minimum information outlined in Section 23-51, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.C.R. No. 201 and H.R. No. 205.



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Re: HCR 201 / HR 205 – Requesting the Auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis on mandating parity in vitro fertilization health insurance coverage

Dear Chair Nakashima, Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Sayama, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committees:

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HCR201 and HR205, which are requesting the State Auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis on mandating parity in vitro fertilization health insurance coverage and requires health insurers and similar entities that provide coverage for in vitro fertilization procedures for certain married opposite-sex couples to provide parity coverage for same-sex couples, unmarried women, and opposite-sex couples for whom male infertility is the relevant factor.

HMSA appreciates the legislature's intent to encourage access to reproductive services in Hawaii. At HMSA we provide in vitro fertilization benefits to our members, including qualifying women over 18 years of age regardless of their marital status.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HCR 201 and HR 205.

Sincerely,

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