



SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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**S.C.R. NO. 207, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS
ON MANDATING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

**S.R. NO. 183, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS
ON MANDATING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

Hearing: Friday, March 22, 2024, 9:38 a.m.

The Office of the Auditor offers comments on S.C.R. No. 207 and S.R. No. 183, which request the Office of the Auditor conduct a sunrise analysis, pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), on mandating dental and vision insurance coverage.

Section 23-51, HRS states before any legislative measure that mandates health insurance coverage can be considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions designating a specific legislative bill that:

- (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and
- (2) Includes, at a minimum, information identifying the:
 - (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider that would be covered;
 - (B) Extent of the coverage;
 - (C) Target groups that would be covered;
 - (D) Limits on utilization, if any; and
 - (E) Standards of care.

(See Section 23-51, HRS.) The resolution does not refer to a bill that would mandate health insurance coverage as described in the resolutions.



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senate Concurrent Resolution 207/Senate Resolution 183 – Requesting the Auditor to
Conduct a Sunrise Analysis on Mandating Dental and Vision Insurance Coverage

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 207/Senate Resolution 183 – Requesting the Auditor to Conduct a Sunrise Analysis on Mandating Dental and Vision Insurance Coverage.

Dental and vision related disabilities can often be mitigated with prevention or early intervention. However, this is financially difficult for many people if they are not able to obtain insurance coverage for such services.

Thank you for considering our position.

Respectfully submitted,

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