
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
ASSESSMENT ON MANDATING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE
COVERAGE.

1 WHEREAS, over 223,000 Hawaii residents do not have dental
2 insurance coverage and the same number of residents, or more,
3 also do not have vision insurance coverage; and
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5 WHEREAS, individuals without dental or vision insurance
6 coverage tend to not regularly visit a dentist or optometrist,
7 resulting in deteriorating dental or vision conditions that
8 could have been prevented if diagnosed early; and
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10 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2259, S.D. 2, Regular Session of
11 2024, requires insurance coverage for dental and vision
12 insurance coverage; and
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14 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised
15 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health
16 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
17 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
18 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be
19 considered, a concurrent resolution shall be passed requesting
20 the Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report
21 that assesses both the social and financial effects of the
22 proposed mandated coverage under that legislative bill; now,
23 therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
27 that the Auditor is requested to conduct an impact assessment
28 report, pursuant to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised
29 Statutes, of mandating dental and vision insurance coverage, as
30 proposed in Senate Bill No. 2259, S.D. 2, Regular Session of
31 2024; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
2 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
3 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2025; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Insurance
9 Commissioner.

