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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT.

1           WHEREAS, H.B. No. 2224, introduced during the regular  
2 session of 2008, proposes to require employers to extend health  
3 insurance coverage to employees who are less than half-time,  
4 provided that the employer may require the employee to bear the  
5 full cost of the employee's coverage; and  
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7           WHEREAS, this measure is intended to apply to employer  
8 group health plans under the insurance code and their  
9 counterpart products as offered by mutual benefit societies and  
10 health maintenance organizations; and  
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12           WHEREAS, this measure is not intended to conflict with the  
13 prepaid health care law which presently requires employers to  
14 provide health care coverage of each employee who is employed at  
15 least half-time and to contribute at least one-half of the  
16 premium for each employee who is employed at least half-time;  
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19           WHEREAS, the mandated coverage imposed on employers under  
20 this measure may create social and financial impacts that must  
21 be assessed before the measure can be considered; now,  
22 therefore,  
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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
27 requested to conduct an impact assessment report of the proposed  
28 mandate under H.B. No. 2224 relating to health coverage for less  
29 than half-time employees; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is further  
32 requested to submit findings and recommendations to the  
33 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
34 the Regular Session of 2009; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 3 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the  
 4 Insurance Commissioner, and the Director of Labor and Industrial  
 5 Relations.

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