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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL AUDIT OF ALL FEDERAL FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR HEALTH CARE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii receives large sums of federal 1 2 funds through the Department of Budget and Finance for the Medicaid and QUEST programs, which are designated for health 3 4 care purposes; and 5 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services and the 6 Department of Budget and Finance have oversight of and make 7 distribution of these federal funds to various programs, plans, 8 9 hospitals, and health care providers; and 10 WHEREAS, the manner by which the Department of Human 11 Services and the Department of Budget and Finance determine how 12 federal funds designated for health care purposes are to be 13 distributed needs to comply with specific federal rules 14 15 governing the use of those federal funds; and 16 17 WHEREAS, the manner by which those federal funds are used for health care purposes and distributed to programs, plans, 18 hospitals, and health care providers is not regularly reviewed 19 for compliance with federal rules or otherwise disclosed by the 20 21 Department of Human Services or the Department of Budget and Finance; and 22 23 24 WHEREAS, a comprehensive financial audit of the federal funds designated for health care purposes which are received and 25 26 distributed by the Department of Human Services and the 27 Department of Budget and Finance will help to ensure that the manner in which the distribution of those federal funds is made 28 29 complies with federal rules governing proper usage of federal funds designated for health care; and 30 31

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WHEREAS, a comprehensive financial audit of those federal 1 funds will help to ensure that appropriate reimbursement is 2 being made to programs, plans, hospitals, and health care 3 providers for medical care provided; now, therefore, 4 5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 7 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is respectfully 8 requested to conduct a comprehensive financial audit of all 9 10 federal funds designated for health care purposes which are received by the State of Hawaii for compliance with federal 11 12 requirements; and 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is also requested 14 to conduct an audit of the manner and means by which federal 15 funds designated for health care purposes is distributed through 16 the Department of Budget and Finance to the Department of Human 17 Services, as well as the amounts paid to various programs, 18 plans, hospitals, and other health care providers; and 19 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to 21 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no 22 23 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and 24 25 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference 27 Bureau is requested to assist the Auditor with drafting any proposed legislation needed to implement the Auditor's 28 29 recommendations; and 30 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the 32 Director of Human Services, the Director of Budget and Finance, 33 the Auditor, and the Director of the Legislative Reference 34 35 Bureau. 36 37 38 OFFERED BY:

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