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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT ON  
LEGISLATION MANDATING CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is the goal of all  
2 people in Hawaii to have access to health care in all its  
3 facets, including affordable access to prescription drugs; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the public relies heavily on health insurance  
6 policies to provide adequate medical care; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that current health  
9 insurance policies do not require insurers to cover outpatient  
10 prescription drugs, nor do they impose coverage requirements on  
11 insurers that do provide outpatient prescription drug coverage;  
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14 WHEREAS, S.B. No. , introduced during the Regular  
15 Session of 2012, seeks to mandate that certain individual and  
16 group accident and health or sickness policies, contracts,  
17 plans, or agreements issued or renewed in this State after  
18 December 31, 2012, cover outpatient prescription drugs and that  
19 they shall not require coinsurance as a basis for cost sharing  
20 with enrollees for outpatient prescription drug benefits; and  
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22 WHEREAS, S.B. No. (2012) also seeks to impose  
23 limitations on the amount of copayments insureds must pay for  
24 prescription drugs; and  
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26 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
27 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health  
28 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
29 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part  
30 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be  
31 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed  
32 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature



1 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of  
2 the proposed mandated coverage"; and

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4 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further  
5 provides that "[t]he concurrent resolutions shall designate a  
6 specific legislative bill that:

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8 (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and

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10 (2) Includes, at minimum, information identifying the:

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12 (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider  
13 that would be covered;

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15 (B) Extent of the coverage;

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17 (C) Target groups that would be covered;

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19 (D) Limits on utilization, if any; and

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21 (E) Standards of care.

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23 For purposes of this part, mandated health insurance coverage  
24 shall not include mandated optionals"; and

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26 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further  
27 specifies the minimum information required for assessing the  
28 social and financial impact of the proposed health coverage  
29 mandate in the Auditor's report; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
34 requested to conduct an impact assessment report, pursuant to  
35 sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social  
36 and financial impacts of mandating certain health insurance  
37 coverage for outpatient prescription drugs, effective as of  
38 January 1, 2013, as provided in S.B. No. (2012); and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
41 submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature,  
42 including any necessary implementing legislation, no later than  
43 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
44 2013; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and to the  
Insurance Commissioner, who, in turn, is requested to transmit  
copies to each insurer in the State that issues health insurance  
policies.

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