
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has long been
2 a leader in advancing reproductive rights, advocating the
3 importance of access to reproductive health care without
4 discrimination, and implementing forward thinking reproductive
5 health care policy. However, gaps in coverage and care still
6 exist, and Hawaii benefits and protections are constantly under
7 attack by a hostile federal administration bent on repealing or
8 undercutting the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care
9 Act of 2010 and, in particular, access to sexual and
10 reproductive health care benefits and protections.

11 The legislature finds that access to reproductive health
12 care is critical for the health and economic security of all of
13 Hawaii's people. Research shows that for every one dollar in
14 public spending on reproductive health and family planning
15 services, states save seven dollars in medicaid costs for
16 pregnancy, labor and delivery, and children's health care.
17 Ensuring that Hawaii's people receive comprehensive client-



1 centered and culturally-sensitive sexual and reproductive health
2 care makes good economic sense and improves the overall health
3 of our communities and our State.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
5 auditor to conduct a feasibility study on whether health
6 insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance
7 organizations should be mandated to provide health insurance
8 coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health
9 services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures.

10 SECTION 2. (a) The auditor shall conduct a feasibility
11 study on whether health insurers, mutual benefit societies,
12 and health maintenance organizations should be mandated to
13 provide health insurance coverage for a comprehensive
14 category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices,
15 products, and procedures.

16 (b) The study shall at minimum:

17 (1) Assess the social and financial effects of mandating
18 coverage;

19 (2) Identify the specific health services, diseases, and
20 providers that are to be covered;

21 (3) Identify the extent of the coverage;



- 1 (4) Identify the target groups that are covered;
- 2 (5) Identify the limits on utilization, if any; and
- 3 (6) Identify the standards of care.
- 4 (c) As part of the study under subsection (a), the auditor
- 5 may request input from appropriate agencies and the private
- 6 sector stakeholders as it deems appropriate.
- 7 (d) The auditor shall submit a report of its findings and
- 8 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
- 9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 10 the regular session of 2020.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on March 15, 2094.



Report Title:

Health Insurance; Auditor; Study

Description:

Requires the Auditor to conduct a study on whether health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations should provide health insurance coverage for a comprehensive category of reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures. (SB1043 HD1)

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