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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has long been a leader in advancing
2 reproductive rights, advocating the importance of access to
3 reproductive health care without discrimination, and
4 implementing forward-thinking reproductive health care policy;
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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii's benefits and protections are constantly
8 under attack by a hostile federal administration that is bent on
9 repealing or undercutting the federal Patient Protection and
10 Affordable Care Act and access to sexual and reproductive health
11 care benefits and protections; and

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13 WHEREAS, the safeguarding of access to abortion, the
14 solidification of the essential health benefits that have
15 changed thousands of lives, and the improvement to overall
16 access to care requires the preservation of certain important
17 aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and
18 the expansion of access to care for residents of Hawaii; and

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20 WHEREAS, H.B. No. , introduced during the Regular
21 Session of 2020, requires health insurers, mutual benefit
22 societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide
23 coverage without cost-sharing for a comprehensive category of
24 reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and
25 procedures and also prohibits discrimination in the provision of
26 reproductive health care services; and

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28 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
29 that before any legislative measure that mandates health
30 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
31 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
32 of individual or group health insurance policies can be
33 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed



S.R. NO. 85

1 requesting the Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature
 2 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of
 3 the proposed mandatory coverage, and H.B. No. (2020) is such
 4 a measure; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 7 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
 8 Auditor is requested to conduct a social and financial
 9 assessment of the mandatory health insurance coverage proposed
 10 under H.B. No. , which was introduced during the Regular
 11 Session of 2020; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 14 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
 15 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later
 16 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 17 of 2021; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of Commerce
 21 and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.
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