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SENATE CONCURRENT 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 have been
8 threatened for four years by a hostile federal administration
9 that has attempted to restrict and repeal the federal Patient
10 Protection and Affordable Care Act and limit access to sexual
11 and reproductive health care benefits and protections; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Trump administration has made it increasingly
14 difficult for insurers to cover abortion care and has assembled
15 a Supreme Court that may restrict abortion access and eliminate
16 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in the near
17 future; and
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19 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has cost thousands of Hawaii
20 residents their jobs and health insurance, making it critical
21 for the State to support struggling families by ensuring
22 preventative care and limiting out-of-pocket costs; and
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24 WHEREAS, the safeguarding of access to abortion, the
25 solidification of the essential health benefits that have
26 changed thousands of lives, and the improvement to overall
27 access to care requires the preservation of certain important
28 aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and
29 the expansion of access to care for residents of Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, H.B. No. , introduced during the Regular
2 Session of 2021, requires health insurers, mutual benefit
3 societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide
4 coverage without cost-sharing for a comprehensive category of
5 reproductive health services, drugs, devices, products, and
6 procedures and also prohibits discrimination in the provision of
7 reproductive health care services; and

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9 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
10 that before any legislative measure that mandates health
11 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
12 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
13 of individual or group health insurance policies can be
14 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed
15 requesting the Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature
16 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of
17 the proposed mandatory coverage, and H.B. No. (2021) is such
18 a measure; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
23 requested to conduct a social and financial assessment of the
24 mandatory health insurance coverage proposed under H.B. No. ,
25 which was introduced during the Regular Session of 2021; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
28 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
29 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later
30 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
31 of 2022; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of
35 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.

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38 OFFERED BY: Randy H. Berk