
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 made it increasingly
14 difficult for insurers to cover abortion care and assembled a
15 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 coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has cost
20 thousands of Hawaii residents their jobs and health insurance,
21 making it critical for the State to support struggling families
22 by ensuring preventative care and limiting out-of-pocket costs;
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25 WHEREAS, the safeguarding of access to abortion, the
26 solidification of the essential health benefits that have
27 changed thousands of lives, and the improvement to overall
28 access to care requires the preservation of certain important
29 aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and
30 the expansion of access to care for residents of Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 623, 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 S.B. No. 623 (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 S.B. No. 623,
25 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 its findings and recommendations, including
29 any proposed legislation, regarding the social and financial
30 assessment of proposed mandatory health insurance coverage to
31 the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the
32 convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and

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

