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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
EFFECTS OF MANDATING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ANNUAL  
MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS EXAMINATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, according to the National Institute of Mental  
2 Health, approximately one in five Americans experience a mental  
3 illness or disorder each year; and  
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5 WHEREAS, less than half of those experiencing a mental  
6 illness or disorder receive mental health services, such as  
7 counseling or prescription medication; and  
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9 WHEREAS, health insurers are currently not required to  
10 cover annual mental health wellness examinations; and  
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12 WHEREAS, S.B. No. , introduced during the Regular  
13 Session of 2022, requires health insurers, mutual benefit  
14 societies, and health maintenance organizations that provide  
15 coverage for health care to provide coverage for annual mental  
16 health wellness examinations; and  
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18 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised  
19 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health  
20 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
21 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part  
22 of individual or group health insurance policies can be  
23 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed that  
24 designates a specific legislative bill for the Auditor to review  
25 and on which to prepare a report for submission to the  
26 Legislature that assesses both the social and financial effects  
27 of the proposed mandated coverage, and S.B. No. , Regular  
28 Session of 2022, is such a measure; now, therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
2 requested to conduct an assessment, pursuant to sections 23-51  
3 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social and financial  
4 effects of mandating health insurance coverage for annual mental  
5 health wellness examinations, as proposed in S.B. No. , which  
6 was introduced during the Regular Session of 2022; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
9 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
10 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
11 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
12 2023; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and  
16 Insurance Commissioner.  
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OFFERED BY: 

