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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF MANDATING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OOCYTE CRYOPRESERVATION.

WHEREAS, women who undergo certain procedures such as 1 2 chemotherapy and surgery, or who are at risk of premature ovarian failure or ovarian disease, have a high risk of 3 4 infertility; and 5 WHEREAS, health insurers are currently not required to 6 7 cover procedures for oocyte cryopreservation, or egg freezing; 8 and 9 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 2917, S.D. 2, introduced during the 10 Regular Session of 2022, requires health insurers, mutual 11 benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations that 12 13 provide coverage for health care to provide coverage for oocyte cryopreservation procedures; and 14 15 16 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health 17 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific 18 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part 19 20 of individual or group health insurance policies can be 21 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed that designates a specific legislative bill for the Auditor to review 22 23 and on which to prepare a report for submission to the 24 Legislature that assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage, and S.B. No. 2917, S.D. 2 25 26 (2022), is such a measure; now, therefore, 27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first 28

Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, that the Auditor is requested to conduct an assessment, pursuant to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social and financial effects of mandating health insurance coverage for oocyte cryopreservation procedures, as proposed in S.B. No. 2917, S.D. 2, which was introduced during the Regular Session of 2022; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Insurance
10 Commissioner.

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