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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 and advocating for equitable and affordable
3 access to sexual and reproductive health care; and
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5 WHEREAS, federal protections for abortion, preventative
6 care, contraceptives, and other sexual and reproductive health
7 care services are consistently threatened, making state
8 protections for these services especially critical; and
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10 WHEREAS, other states have enacted laws that effectively
11 eliminate abortion access in the states, reflecting a broad
12 strategy to challenge and overturn the United States Supreme
13 Court's holding in Roe v. Wade, which protects abortion access;
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16 WHEREAS, the Trump administration made it difficult for
17 insurers to cover abortion care and assembled a Supreme Court
18 that may restrict abortion access and strike down the Patient
19 Protection and Affordable Care Act; and
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21 WHEREAS, eliminating the Patient Protection and Affordable
22 Care Act would force many Hawaii residents to pay more out-of-
23 pocket health care costs, leading many to delay or forego needed
24 care; and
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26 WHEREAS, access to sexual and reproductive health care,
27 including no-cost preventive services, is critical for the
28 health and economic security of all people in Hawaii and will
29 help avoid more costly treatments in the future; and
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31 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 249, originally introduced during
32 the Regular Session of 2021, would prohibit discrimination in



1 the provision of sexual and reproductive health care services
2 and requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and
3 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage without
4 cost-sharing for a range of reproductive health services, drugs,
5 devices, products, and procedures; and
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7 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
8 that, before considering any legislative measure that mandates
9 health insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
10 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
11 of individual or group health insurance policies, the
12 Legislature shall pass a concurrent resolution asking the
13 Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that
14 assesses the social and financial effects of the proposed
15 mandatory coverage; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senatethe House of Representatives
18 concurring of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of
19 Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, that the Auditor is requested
20 to conduct a social and financial assessment of House Bill No.
21 249, which was introduced during the Regular Session of 2021;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
25 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
26 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
27 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
28 of 2023; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of Commerce
32 and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.
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OFFERED BY:

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