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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS BOTH THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE COSTS OF KETAMINE THERAPY TO TREAT DEPRESSION.

1 WHEREAS, the State has a duty to protect and improve the  
2 health and environment of the people; and

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4 WHEREAS, a number of state residents suffer from  
5 depression; and

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7 WHEREAS, according to an article published in Current  
8 Neuropharmacology, the use of ketamine is a valid antidepressant  
9 option for the treatment of treatment-resistant depression and  
10 has rapid antidepressant effects; and

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12 WHEREAS, legislation considered during the Regular Session  
13 of 2023 proposes to require insurance coverage for ketamine  
14 therapy; and

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16 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised  
17 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health  
18 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
19 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part  
20 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be  
21 considered, concurrent resolutions shall be passed that  
22 designate a specific legislative bill for the auditor to prepare  
23 a report, which is commonly known as a "sunrise review", for  
24 submission to the Legislature that assesses both the social and  
25 financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage under that  
26 legislative bill; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the  
30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
31 requested to assess, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised



# S.C.R. NO. 15

1 Statutes, both the social and financial effects of the proposed  
2 mandated health insurance coverage under S.B. No. , Regular  
3 Session of 2023, a bill that requires insurance coverage for a  
4 percentage of the costs of ketamine therapy to treat depression;  
5 and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
8 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
9 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
10 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
11 2024; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

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OFFERED BY:

