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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE  
FOR VARIOUS SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

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, preventive care,  
6 contraceptives, and other sexual and reproductive health care  
7 services are consistently threatened, making state protections  
8 for these services especially critical; and  
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10 WHEREAS, numerous states have enacted laws that effectively  
11 eliminate abortion access in those states following the Supreme  
12 Court of the United States' overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, which  
13 had previously protected abortion access throughout the country;  
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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 whose actions resulted in restricted abortion access, and that  
19 may strike down the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;  
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22 WHEREAS, eliminating the Patient Protection and Affordable  
23 Care Act would force many Hawaii residents to pay more  
24 out-of-pocket health care costs, leading many to delay or forego  
25 needed care; and  
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27 WHEREAS, access to sexual and reproductive health care,  
28 including no-cost preventive services, is critical for the  
29 health and economic security of all people in Hawaii and will  
30 help avoid more costly treatments in the future; and



1 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1180, introduced during the Regular  
2 Session of 2023, would prohibit discrimination in the provision  
3 of sexual and reproductive health care services; and  
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5 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1179, introduced during the Regular  
6 Session of 2023, would prohibit discrimination in the provision  
7 of sexual and reproductive health care services and also  
8 requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health  
9 maintenance organizations to provide coverage without  
10 cost-sharing for a range of reproductive health services, drugs,  
11 devices, products, and procedures; and  
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13 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
14 that, before considering any legislative measure that mandates  
15 health insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
16 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part  
17 of individual or group health insurance policies, the  
18 Legislature shall adopt a concurrent resolution asking the  
19 Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that  
20 assesses the social and financial effects of the proposed  
21 mandatory coverage; now, therefore,  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
25 that the Auditor is requested to conduct a social and financial  
26 assessment of mandatory health insurance coverage for various  
27 sexual and reproductive health care services as proposed by  
28 House Bill No. 1180 (Regular Session of 2023) and House Bill No.  
29 1179 (Regular Session of 2023); and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
32 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,  
33 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
34 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
35 of 2024; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of Commerce  
3 and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.  
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OFFERED BY: 

