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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS ON MANDATING PARITY IN VITRO FERTILIZATION HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

WHEREAS, the State's mandate that insurance plans provide a one-time benefit for costs associated with in vitro fertilization procedures excludes same-sex couples, unmarried women, and opposite-sex couples for whom male infertility is the relevant factor; and

WHEREAS, the current unequal treatment of individuals seeking medical fertility assistance constitutes discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, and marital status; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. , Regular Session of 2023, requires health insurers and similar entities that provide coverage for in vitro fertilization procedures for certain married opposite-sex couples to provide parity coverage for same-sex couples, unmarried women, and opposite-sex couples for whom male infertility is the relevant factor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health insurance coverage for specific health services, specific diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part of individual or group health insurance policies, can be considered, a concurrent resolution shall be passed requesting the Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage under that legislative bill; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a sunrise analysis, pursuant to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, on mandating parity in vitro fertilization health insurance coverage for same-sex couples, unmarried women, and opposite-sex 1

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couples for whom male infertility is the relevant factor, as proposed in Senate Bill No. , Regular Session of 2023; and

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 2024; and

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

OFFERED BY: