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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
EFFECTS OF MANDATING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN  
BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS AND ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL  
IMAGING.

1           WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of death  
2 in the United States and the most commonly diagnosed cancer in  
3 women; and  
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5           WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and  
6 Prevention, breast cancer screenings help to reduce deaths,  
7 increase women's life expectancy, decrease the number of women  
8 diagnosed with late-stage cancer, increase the five-year  
9 survival rates for those diagnosed, and reduce the cost of  
10 cancer treatments; and  
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12           WHEREAS, health insurers are currently not required to  
13 cover annual mammograms for women under forty years of age  
14 unless recommended by a physician; and  
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16           WHEREAS, health insurers are also not required to provide  
17 coverage for formal risk factor screening assessments or certain  
18 supplemental imaging; and  
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20           WHEREAS, S.B. No.           , introduced during the Regular  
21 Session of 2023, expands the required coverage of breast cancer  
22 screening and imaging to include annual mammograms for women of  
23 any age having an above-average risk of developing breast  
24 cancer, risk factor screening for women thirty years of age or  
25 older, and additional supplemental imaging for all women,  
26 regardless of age, as deemed medically necessary by an  
27 applicable American College of Radiology guideline; and  
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29           WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised  
30 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health  
31 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
32 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part  
33 of individual or group health insurance policies can be  
34 considered, concurrent resolutions shall be passed that request



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1 the Auditor to review the measure and to prepare a report for  
2 submission to the Legislature that assesses the social and  
3 financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage; now,  
4 therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
8 that the Auditor is requested to conduct an assessment, pursuant  
9 to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the  
10 social and financial effects of mandating health insurance  
11 coverage for the breast cancer screenings and additional  
12 supplemental imaging proposed in S.B. No. , which was  
13 introduced during the Regular Session of 2023; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
16 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,  
17 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
18 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
19 of 2024; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Insurance  
23 Commissioner.  
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OFFERED BY:

Kurt Fackel

