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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
EFFECTS OF MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
BIOMARKER TESTING.

1 WHEREAS, biomarker testing is an invaluable tool in the
2 diagnosis, treatment, appropriate managements, and ongoing
3 monitoring of diseases or conditions; and
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5 WHEREAS, biomarker testing is the analysis of a patient's
6 tissue, blood, or other biospecimen for the presence of a
7 biomarker, a type of precision medicine that looks for genes,
8 proteins, and other substances that can provide information
9 about a patient's chronic condition; and
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11 WHEREAS, biomarker testing allows for a more precise and
12 personalized approach to medical care by identifying specific
13 genetic, molecular, or biochemical markers associated with an
14 individual's disease; and
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16 WHEREAS, biomarker testing enables health care providers to
17 tailor treatments based on the unique characteristics of
18 a patient's condition, leading to more effective and targeted
19 interventions; and
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21 WHEREAS, despite the fact that biomarker testing is
22 essential to high-quality, personalized care to treat serious
23 illness and enhance patients' quality of life, patients cannot
24 easily access it; and
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26 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2223, House Draft No. 1, Regular
27 Session of 2024, require insurers, mutual benefit societies, and
28 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for
29 medically necessary biomarker testing for the purposes of
30 diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing



1 monitoring of a person's disease or condition to guide treatment
2 decisions when supported by medical and scientific evidence; and
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4 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health
6 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
7 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
8 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be
9 considered, concurrent resolutions shall be passed that
10 designate a specific legislative bill for the Auditor to review
11 and prepare a report for submission to the Legislature that
12 assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed
13 mandated coverage under that legislative bill; and
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15 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further
16 specifies the minimum information required for assessing the
17 social and financial impact of the proposed health coverage
18 mandate in the State Auditor's report; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
23 requested to assess, in accordance with sections 23-51 and
24 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the social and financial effects
25 of mandating health insurance coverage for medically necessary
26 biomarker testing for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment,
27 appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a person's
28 disease or condition to guide treatment decisions when supported
29 by medical and scientific evidence, as provided in House Bill
30 No. 2223, House Draft No. 1, Regular Session of 2024; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
33 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
34 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
35 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
36 2025; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of
40 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.
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