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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE  
FOR TRADITIONAL NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALING AND CULTURAL  
PRACTICES OFFERED THROUGH FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH  
CENTERS OR NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS.

1           WHEREAS, multiple federally qualified health centers and  
2 Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems in the State offer  
3 traditional Native Hawaiian healing practices; and  
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5           WHEREAS, these traditional Native Hawaiian healing  
6 practices, such as lomilomi massage, 'ai pono, la'au lapa'au, and  
7 ho'oponopono, are offered in tandem with other western health  
8 care services to address a variety of issues; and  
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10           WHEREAS, these traditional Native Hawaiian healing  
11 practices use traditional, cultural, and spiritual approaches to  
12 address patient health and healing and support whole person  
13 care; and  
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15           WHEREAS, currently, only two health insurance providers in  
16 the State voluntarily cover traditional Native Hawaiian healing  
17 and cultural practices; and  
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19           WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
20 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health  
21 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
22 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part  
23 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be  
24 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed  
25 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature  
26 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of  
27 the proposed mandated coverage"; and  
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1 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further  
2 provides that "[t]he concurrent resolutions shall designate a  
3 specific legislative bill that:

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- 5 (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and
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  - 7 (2) Includes, at a minimum, information identifying the:
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    - 9 (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider
    - 10 that would be covered;
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    - 12 (B) Extent of the coverage;
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    - 14 (C) Target groups that would be covered;
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    - 16 (D) Limitations on utilization, if any; and
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    - 18 (E) Standards of care.
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20 For purposes of this part, mandated health insurance coverage  
21 shall not include mandated optionals."; and

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23 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further  
24 specifies the minimum information required for assessing the  
25 social and financial impact of the proposed health coverage  
26 mandate in the Auditor's report; and

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28 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 641, introduced in the Regular  
29 Session of 2023, proposes to expand existing health insurance  
30 mandates to cover traditional Native Hawaiian healing and  
31 cultural practices offered through federally qualified health  
32 centers or Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems; now, therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
35 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
36 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to  
37 conduct an impact assessment report in accordance with sections  
38 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of mandating health  
39 insurance coverage for traditional Native Hawaiian healing and  
40 cultural practices offered through federally qualified health  
41 centers or Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems as proposed by



# H.C.R. NO. 13

1 House Bill No. 641, introduced in the Regular Session of 2025;  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
5 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,  
6 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
8 of 2026; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of  
12 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.

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OFFERED BY:



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