
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, multiple federally qualified health centers in the
2 State offer Native Hawaiian healing practices; and

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4 WHEREAS, these Native Hawaiian healing practices, such as
5 lomilomi massage, 'ai pono, la'au lapa'au, and ho'oponopono, are
6 offered in tandem with other western health care services to
7 address a variety of issues; and

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9 WHEREAS, these Native Hawaiian healing practices use
10 cultural, traditional, and spiritual approaches to address
11 patient health and healing and support whole person care; and

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13 WHEREAS, currently, only two health insurance providers in
14 the State voluntarily cover Native Hawaiian healing and cultural
15 practices; and

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17 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
18 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health
19 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
20 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
21 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be
22 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed
23 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature
24 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of
25 the proposed mandated coverage"; and

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27 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further
28 provides that "[t]he concurrent resolutions shall designate a
29 specific legislative bill that:



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- (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and
- (2) Includes, at a minimum, information identifying the:
 - (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider that would be covered;
 - (B) Extent of the coverage;
 - (C) Target groups that would be covered;
 - (D) Limitations on utilization, if any; and
 - (E) Standards of care.

For purposes of this part, mandated health insurance coverage shall not include mandated optionals."; and

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

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 641, introduced in the Regular Session of 2025, proposes, among other things, to expand existing health insurance mandates to cover Native Hawaiian healing and cultural practices offered through federally qualified health centers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to conduct an impact assessment report in accordance with sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of mandating health insurance coverage for Native Hawaiian healing and cultural practices offered through federally qualified health centers as proposed by House Bill No. 641, introduced in the Regular Session of 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,



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1 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
2 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
3 of 2026; and

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

OFFERED BY:

Lisa Murter

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