
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENINGS.

1 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of
2 cancer in Hawaii and the third leading cause of cancer deaths
3 nationwide; and

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5 WHEREAS, screening is vital for the early detection of
6 colorectal cancer; and

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8 WHEREAS, deaths from colorectal cancer are largely
9 preventable through increased access to preventive health
10 screenings; and

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12 WHEREAS, not all residents of Hawaii have access to health
13 insurance that provides no-cost colorectal cancer screening; and

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

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

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

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

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22 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 556 H.D. 1, introduced in the
23 Regular Session of 2025, proposes to expand existing health
24 insurance mandates to cover colorectal cancer screenings; now,
25 therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
30 conduct an impact assessment report in accordance with sections
31 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of mandating health
32 insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screenings as proposed
33 by House Bill No. 556 H.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2025); and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
36 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
37 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
38 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
39 of 2026; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of
3 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Insurance Commissioner.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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