
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 OR NATIVE
HAWAIIAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS.

1 WHEREAS, multiple federally qualified health centers and
2 Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems in the State offer Native
3 Hawaiian healing practices; and
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5 WHEREAS, these Native Hawaiian healing practices, such as
6 lomilomi massage, 'ai pono, la'au lapa'au, and ho'oponopono, are
7 offered in tandem with other western health care services to
8 address a variety of issues; and
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10 WHEREAS, these Native Hawaiian healing practices use
11 cultural, traditional, and spiritual approaches to address
12 patient health and healing and support whole person care; and
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14 WHEREAS, currently, only two health insurance providers in
15 the State voluntarily cover Native Hawaiian healing and cultural
16 practices; and
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18 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
19 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health
20 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
21 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
22 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be
23 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed
24 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature
25 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of
26 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 2025, proposes to expand existing health insurance
30 mandates to cover Native Hawaiian healing and cultural practices
31 offered through federally qualified health centers or Native
32 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 Native Hawaiian healing and cultural
40 practices offered through federally qualified health centers or
41 Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems as proposed by House Bill
42 No. 641, introduced in the Regular Session of 2025; and



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

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 Matz

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