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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE  
REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF DOULAS.

1           WHEREAS, doulas are trained professionals who provide non-  
2 medical emotional, physical, and informational support to  
3 individuals before, during, and after childbirth; and  
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5           WHEREAS, unlike midwives, doulas do not provide clinical  
6 care but assist with advocacy, pain management techniques, and  
7 emotional support; and  
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9           WHEREAS, several states have Medicaid reimbursement  
10 programs for doula services, aiming to improve maternal health  
11 outcomes, particularly for underserved populations; and  
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13           WHEREAS, House Bill No. 434, introduced during the Regular  
14 Session of 2025, proposes that any person providing doula  
15 services shall be subject to regulation by the Department of  
16 Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and  
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18           WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
19 new measures subjecting unregulated professions and vocations to  
20 licensing or other regulatory controls to be referred to the  
21 Auditor for analysis; and  
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23           WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further  
24 requires that referral to the Auditor shall be by a concurrent  
25 resolution that identifies a specific legislative bill to be  
26 analyzed; now, therefore,  
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28           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
31 requested to conduct a sunrise review of the registration and



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1 regulation of doulas as proposed by House Bill No. 434,  
2 introduced during the Regular Session of 2025; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
5 submit a report of the Auditor's findings to the Legislature no  
6 later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2026; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

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OFFERED BY:

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