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

- (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 2023, proposes to expand existing health insurance mandates to cover traditional Native Hawaiian healing and cultural practices offered through federally qualified health centers or Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems; 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 traditional Native Hawaiian healing and cultural practices offered through federally qualified health centers or Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems as proposed by



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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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15 OFFERED BY:



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