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SENATE 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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(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. 556 H.D. 1, introduced in the Regular Session of 2025, proposes to expand existing health insurance mandates to cover colorectal cancer screenings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the House of Representatives 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 colorectal cancer screenings as proposed by House Bill No. 556 H.D. 1 (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, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and



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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