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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



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:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. A. Z.", written over a horizontal line.