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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
INTRAVENOUS KETAMINE THERAPY TO TREAT DEPRESSION.

1 WHEREAS, the State has a duty to protect and improve the
2 health and environment of its residents; and

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4 WHEREAS, a number of state residents suffer from various
5 mental illnesses, including major depressive disorder, or
6 treatment-resistant depression; and

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8 WHEREAS, according to an article published in Current
9 Neuropsychopharmacology, ketamine has rapid antidepressant effects and
10 is a valid option for the treatment of treatment-resistant
11 depression; and

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13 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 967 of the Thirty-Third
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii proposes to require insurance
15 coverage for intravenous ketamine therapy to treat depression;
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18 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised
19 Statutes, before 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, concurrent resolutions must be passed requesting the
24 Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that
25 assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed
26 mandated coverage; 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 2026, the
30 House of Representatives concurring, that pursuant to section
31 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Auditor is requested to
32 assess both the social and financial effects of the proposed



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1 mandated health insurance coverage under Senate Bill No. 967 of
2 the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, which
3 proposes to require insurance coverage for a percentage of the
4 costs of intravenous ketamine therapy to treat depression; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
7 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
8 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
9 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
10 of 2027; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and
14 Insurance Commissioner.
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OFFERED BY: Kurt Fevella

