
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF
GENERIC OPIOID ANTAGONISTS AND DEVICES.

1 WHEREAS, in 2021, over one hundred thousand people died of
2 a drug overdoses nationwide; and

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4 WHEREAS, of those deaths, eighty percent involved the use
5 of opioids; and

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7 WHEREAS, death and injury from an opioid overdose can be
8 prevented by the timely use of an opioid antagonist, such as
9 naloxone; and

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11 WHEREAS, although all state Medicaid programs cover some
12 form of naloxone, private health insurers do not have similar
13 coverage requirements, resulting in some individuals suffering
14 from opioid use disorders being unable to afford the medication
15 necessary for the treatment of their disorders; and

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17 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
18 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health
19 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
20 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
21 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be
22 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed
23 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature
24 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of
25 the proposed mandated coverage"; and

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27 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further
28 provides that "[t]he concurrent resolutions shall designate a
29 specific legislative bill that:
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- 1 (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and
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- 3 (2) Includes, at a minimum, information identifying the:
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- 5 (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider
- 6 that would be covered;
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- 8 (B) Extent of the coverage;
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- 10 (C) Target groups that would be covered;
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- 12 (D) Limitations on utilization, if any; and
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- 14 (E) Standards of care.
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16 For purposes of this part, mandated health insurance coverage
 17 shall not include mandated optionals."; and

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 19 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further
 20 specifies the minimum information required for assessing the
 21 social and financial impact of the proposed health coverage
 22 mandate in the Auditor's report; and

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 24 WHEREAS, House Bill No. , introduced in the Regular
 25 Session of 2026, proposes to expand existing health insurance
 26 mandates to cover generic opioid antagonists and devices; now,
 27 therefore,

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 29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 30 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 31 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
 32 conduct an impact assessment report in accordance with sections
 33 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of mandating health
 34 insurance coverage for generic opioid antagonists and devices as
 35 proposed by House Bill No. (Regular Session of 2026); and

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 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 38 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
 39 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
 40 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 41 of 2027; and

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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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