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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS BOTH SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF AUTISM AND FOR APPLIED
BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (autism) is a lifelong
2 neurodevelopmental condition that can affect individuals in
3 varying ways across their lifespan; and
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5 WHEREAS, existing law limits health insurance coverage for
6 applied behavioral analysis and other therapies for the
7 diagnosis and treatment of autism to individuals under fourteen
8 years of age; and
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10 WHEREAS, this age limitation denies necessary care to many
11 adolescents and adults who would continue to benefit from
12 therapeutic support for autism; and
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14 WHEREAS, the current annual cap of \$25,000 on health
15 insurance coverage for applied behavioral analysis creates an
16 additional barrier to accessing adequate and continuous
17 treatment for autism, as this amount is often insufficient to
18 cover the full cost of applied behavioral analysis services for
19 many individuals; and
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21 WHEREAS, removing these limitations will ensure equitable
22 access to medically necessary treatment and improve long-term
23 health outcomes for individuals with autism in the State; and
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25 WHEREAS, S.B. No. 2204, Regular Session of 2026, proposes
26 to repeal the fourteen years and under age limit for health
27 insurance coverage requirements for the diagnosis and treatment
28 of autism and the maximum benefit coverage limit of \$25,000 for
29 applied behavioral analysis services; and
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31 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised
32 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health
33 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
34 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part



1 of individual or group health insurance policies can be
2 considered a concurrent resolution shall be passed requesting
3 the Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report
4 that assesses both the social and financial effects of the
5 proposed mandated coverage; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
9 that the Auditor is requested to assess, pursuant to section 23-
10 51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, both the social and financial
11 effects of the proposed expansion of mandated health insurance
12 coverage under S.B. No. 2204, Regular Session of 2026, which
13 repeals the fourteen years and under age limit for health
14 insurance coverage requirements for the diagnosis and treatment
15 of autism and the maximum benefit coverage benefit limit of
16 \$25,000 for applied behavioral analysis services; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
19 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
20 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
21 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
22 of 2027; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Insurance
26 Commissioner.

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29 OFFERED BY: *BTG*

