
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MEDICAID-
SPONSORED PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, in 1965, the United States Congress established
2 Medicaid as a jointly funded state and federal program that
3 provides medical assistance to low-income individuals who
4 qualify under Title XIX of the Social Security Act; and
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6 WHEREAS, within a general statutory framework, each state
7 creates and administers its own Medicaid program; and
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9 WHEREAS, in the State of Hawaii, the Med-QUEST Division of
10 the Department of Human Services (DHS) administers the Medicaid
11 program; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Med-QUEST Division oversees a number of
14 programs that provide coverage for certain medical, mental
15 health, and dental services for qualified children and adults,
16 including Medicaid Fee-For-Service, Hawaii QUEST, QUEST-Net, and
17 QUEST Adult Coverage Expansion; and
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19 WHEREAS, the various Med-QUEST programs are financed
20 through the State and the Federal Centers for Medicare and
21 Medicaid Services; and
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23 WHEREAS, in 2007, Med-QUEST programs enrolled over 200,000
24 Hawaii residents; and
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26 WHEREAS, the most vulnerable in our communities can depend
27 on Medicaid to provide essential and emergent medical
28 assistance, and the program's continued financial viability is
29 vital to ensure continued access to needed services; and
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1 WHEREAS, a financial and management audit of DHS Medicaid-
2 sponsored program relating to the QUEST Expanded Access for the
3 Aged, Blind, and Disabled Request for Proposals would enhance
4 public awareness of the programs' budgets and spending, thereby
5 increasing transparency and accountability; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
10 requested to conduct a financial and management audit of DHS
11 recent QUEST Expanded Access for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled
12 Request for Proposals; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DHS is requested to cooperate
15 with and assist the Auditor in the performance of this audit;
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
19 submit a report of any audit findings and recommendations,
20 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
21 than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
22 2009; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
26 of Human Services, Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division, and
27 the Auditor.

