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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE  
FOR CERTAIN NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURE-BASED ACTIVITIES.

1 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have among the highest rates of  
2 obesity, hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular and  
3 cerebrovascular diseases, certain cancers, and mortality rates  
4 of any ethnic group in Hawaii; and  
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6 WHEREAS, studies indicate that many Native Hawaiians feel  
7 alienated from and have a mistrust of the present health care  
8 system, and prefer more culturally acceptable means of managing  
9 their health; and  
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11 WHEREAS, section 226-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, sets  
12 objectives and policies of the Hawaii state plan for socio-  
13 cultural advancement of health with specific language that  
14 requires the prioritization of programs, services,  
15 interventions, and activities that that address social  
16 determinants of health intended to improve Native Hawaiian  
17 health and well-being and to reduce disparities among  
18 disproportionately affected demographic groups; and  
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20 WHEREAS, traditional Native Hawaiian practices, including  
21 hula and canoe paddling, have been shown to be effective in the  
22 areas of weight management, cardiovascular health, diabetes  
23 management, and chronic kidney disease management; and  
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25 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
26 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health  
27 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
28 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part  
29 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be  
30 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed  
31 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature



1 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of  
2 the proposed mandated coverage"; and

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4 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further  
5 provides that "[t]he concurrent resolutions shall designate a  
6 specific legislative bill that:

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8 (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and  
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10 (2) Includes, at minimum, information identifying the:  
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12 (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider  
13 that would be covered;  
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15 (B) Extent of the coverage;  
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17 (C) Target groups that would be covered;  
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19 (D) Limits on utilization, if any; and  
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21 (E) Standards of care.

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23 For purposes of this part, mandated health insurance coverage  
24 shall not include mandated optionals"; and

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

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31 WHEREAS, S.B. No. (Regular Session of 2017), mandates  
32 health insurance coverage for Native Hawaiian culture-based  
33 practices that have been empirically shown to be effective in  
34 the management of weight, cardiovascular health, diabetes, and  
35 chronic kidney disease; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that coverage for certain  
38 Native Hawaiian culture-based practices will substantially  
39 reduce illness and assist in the maintenance of good health for  
40 the people of this State; now, therefore,  
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# S.C.R. NO. 149

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
 4 requested to conduct an impact assessment report, pursuant to  
 5 sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social  
 6 and financial impacts of mandating coverage for Native Hawaiian  
 7 culture-based practices that have been empirically shown to be  
 8 effective in the management of weight, cardiovascular health,  
 9 diabetes, and chronic kidney disease as provided in S.B.  
 10 No. (2017); and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
 13 submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature,  
 14 including any necessary implementing legislation, no later than  
 15 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
 16 2018; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and to the  
 20 Insurance Commissioner, who, in turn, is requested to transmit  
 21 copies to each insurer in the State that issues health insurance  
 22 policies.

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