

JAN 25 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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4 WHEREAS, a number of state residents suffer from
5 depression; and

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

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12 WHEREAS, legislation considered during the Regular Session
13 of 2023 proposes to require insurance coverage for ketamine
14 therapy; and

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16 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health
18 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
19 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
20 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be
21 considered, concurrent resolutions shall be passed that
22 designate a specific legislative bill for the auditor to prepare
23 a report, which is commonly known as a "sunrise review", for
24 submission to the Legislature that assesses both the social and
25 financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage under that
26 legislative bill; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
30 that the Auditor is requested to assess, pursuant to section
31 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, both the social and financial
32 effects of the proposed mandated health insurance coverage under
33 S.B. No. , Regular Session of 2023, a bill that requires



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1 insurance coverage for a percentage of the costs of ketamine
2 therapy to treat depression; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
5 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
6 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
7 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
8 2024; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

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OFFERED BY:

Kurt Favelle

