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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE  
FOR ALL FORMS OF CANCER TREATMENT.

1           WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society reports that, last  
2 year in the United States, more than 559,650 people died of some  
3 form of cancer, and in Hawaii, 2,260 people died of cancer; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society also reports that  
6 approximately 1,440,920 new cases of cancer were diagnosed last  
7 year in the United States; and  
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9           WHEREAS, last year in Hawaii, 6,020 new cases of cancer  
10 were diagnosed, and cancers of the breast, colon and rectum,  
11 prostate, and lungs made up the majority of those new cases; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society also estimates that  
14 over ten million cancer survivors in the United States are alive  
15 today because of successful treatments; and  
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17           WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that health insurance  
18 providers cover all forms of necessary treatments for cancer  
19 patients in this State; and  
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21           WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
22 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health  
23 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
24 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part  
25 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be  
26 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed  
27 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature  
28 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of  
29 the proposed mandated coverage"; and  
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1 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further  
2 provides that "[t]he concurrent resolutions shall designate a  
3 specific legislative bill that:

- 4 (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and
- 5 (2) Includes, at a minimum, information identifying the:
  - 6 (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider
  - 7 that would be covered;
  - 8 (B) Extent of the coverage;
  - 9 (C) Target groups that would be covered;
  - 10 (D) Limits on utilization, if any; and
  - 11 (E) Standards of care.

12 For purposes of this part, mandated health insurance coverage  
13 shall not include mandated optionals"; and  
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15 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further  
16 specifies the minimum information required for assessing the  
17 social and financial impact of the proposed health coverage  
18 mandate in the Auditor's report; and  
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20 WHEREAS, H.B. No. (2008) mandates coverage of all forms  
21 of cancer treatment for all policies and contracts, hospital and  
22 medical service plan contracts, medical service corporation  
23 contracts, and health maintenance organization plans and  
24 contracts issued after December 31, 2009; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that mandatory health  
27 insurance coverage for all forms of cancer treatment, as  
28 provided in H.B. No. (2008), will substantially reduce  
29 illness and assist in the maintenance of good health for the  
30 people of this State; now, therefore,  
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
33 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
34 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is  
35 requested to conduct an impact assessment report, pursuant to  
36 sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social  
37 and financial impacts of mandating coverage of all forms of  
38 cancer treatment for all policies and contracts, hospital and  
39 medical service plan contracts, medical service corporation  
40 contracts, and health maintenance organization plans and  
41 contracts issued after December 31, 2009, as provided in H.B.  
42 No. (2008); and December 31, 2009  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
2 submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature,  
3 including any necessary implementing legislation, twenty days  
4 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and to the  
8 Insurance Commissioner, who in turn is requested to transmit  
9 copies to each insurer in the State that issues health insurance  
10 policies.

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