

JAN 23 2008

SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-fourth
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
34 House of Representatives 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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