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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE  
FOR CLINICAL VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE AND ABUSE.

1 WHEREAS, sexual violence and abuse are extremely prevalent  
2 in the United States; and  
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4 WHEREAS, sexual violence and abuse can have severe and  
5 lasting emotional and mental health impacts on victims; and  
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7 WHEREAS, clinical victim support services are a  
8 professional intervention conducted by a qualified mental health  
9 services provider to identify needs and assist in obtaining  
10 coordinated, appropriate services and resources for a victim of  
11 sexual violence and abuse in order to curtail or prevent the  
12 progression and worsening of mental disorders and associated  
13 functional impairments caused, in whole or in part, by sexual  
14 violence and abuse; and  
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16 WHEREAS, many victims of sexual violence and abuse require  
17 clinical victim support services by qualified mental health  
18 services providers in addition to psychotherapy in order to  
19 effectively manage mental health conditions related to sexual  
20 violence and abuse; and  
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22 WHEREAS, clinical victim support services are not generally  
23 covered by health insurers; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the treatment of clinical victim support services  
26 as a non-reimbursable expense by health insurers discourages  
27 qualified mental health services providers from accepting  
28 victims of sexual violence as patients, and is a significant  
29 barrier to sufficient provider availability; and

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is a full, true and correct copy of the original  
on file in this office.



Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii



1 WHEREAS, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
2 that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health  
3 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific  
4 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part  
5 of individual or group health insurance policies, can be  
6 considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed  
7 requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature  
8 a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of  
9 the proposed mandated coverage"; and

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

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15 (1) Has been introduced in the legislature; and  
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17 (2) Includes, at a minimum, information identifying the:  
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19 (A) Specific health service, disease, or provider  
20 that would be covered;  
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22 (B) Extent of the coverage;  
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24 (C) Target groups that would be covered;  
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26 (D) Limits on utilization, if any; and  
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28 (E) Standards of care"; and  
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30 WHEREAS, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, further  
31 specifies the minimum information required for assessing the  
32 social and financial impact of the proposed health coverage  
33 mandate in the Auditor's report; and  
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35 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 484 has been introduced during the  
36 Regular Session of 2019 and mandates health insurers to provide  
37 coverage for clinical victim support services, beginning January  
38 1, 2020; and  
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40 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that an analysis of the  
41 social and financial impacts of the insurance coverage of



1 clinical victim support services in H.B. No. 484 is warranted;  
2 and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature also believes that mandatory  
5 coverage for clinical victim support services for victims of  
6 sexual violence and abuse, as provided in H.B. No. 484, Regular  
7 Session of 2019, will substantially reduce illness and help  
8 victims of sexual violence and abuse in Hawaii to lead full,  
9 productive lives; now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
13 2019, that the Auditor is requested to conduct an assessment,  
14 pursuant to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
15 of the social and financial effects of mandating health insurers  
16 to provide coverage for clinical victim support services for  
17 victims of sexual violence and abuse effective January 1, 2020,  
18 as provided in H.B. No. 484, Regular Session of 2019; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the assessment,  
21 the Auditor is requested to consider the following definition of  
22 clinical victim support services: "a professional intervention  
23 conducted by a qualified mental health provider to identify  
24 needs and assist in obtaining coordinated, appropriate services  
25 and resources for a victim of sexual violence and abuse in order  
26 to curtail or prevent the progression and worsening of mental  
27 disorders and associated functional impairments caused, in whole  
28 or in part, by the sexual violence and abuse, including  
29 coordinating with other health care providers, such as primary  
30 care physicians, behavioral and mental health care providers,  
31 and hospitals; assisting victims of sexual violence and abuse in  
32 obtaining appropriate government entitlements, access, insurance  
33 coverage, and other appropriate programs and services offered by  
34 government agencies and community organizations; and  
35 coordinating with schools, employers, and other individuals and  
36 entities concerning a victim of sexual violence and abuse"; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
39 consult with qualified mental health services providers who  
40 treat victims of sexual violence and abuse in every county, such  
41 as the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, which is a program of  
42 Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, and other



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1 practicing mental health services providers in the community;  
2 and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
5 submit its findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
6 legislation, to the Legislature, no later than twenty days prior  
7 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and to the Insurance  
11 Commissioner, who in turn is requested to transmit copies to  
12 each insurer in the State that issues health insurance policies,  
13 contracts, plans, or agreements.

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