
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF DRUG FORMULARIES
AND DRUG PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICIES.

1 WHEREAS, some Hawaii insurance plans are now outsourcing
2 determination of drug formularies and drug prior authorization
3 policies to out-of-state pharmacy benefit managers; and
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5 WHEREAS, many of these policies are unreasonable and
6 administratively burdensome for doctors, pharmacies, and
7 patients; and
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9 WHEREAS, out-of-state pharmacy benefit managers typically
10 have no accountability to Hawaii physicians, pharmacists, and
11 patients for the adverse effects of their policies; and
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13 WHEREAS, the severe administrative burdens of unreasonable
14 pharmacy policies are driving Hawaii physicians to limit
15 acceptance of health insurance plans with such policies, which
16 often affects patient access to appropriate care; now,
17 therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
22 supports the maintenance of locally-based pharmacy and
23 therapeutics committees which are empowered to make decisions on
24 drug formulary and drug prior authorization policies of all
25 health insurance plans doing business in Hawaii, including those
26 under contract with Hawaii Med-QUEST. At least two members of
27 each committee should be representatives from the Hawai'i
28 Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and an additional
29 seventy per cent of membership should be comprised of Hawaii-
30 licensed physicians and pharmacists who are actively engaged in
31 the practice of medicine or pharmacy within the State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Insurance
3 Commissioner, EUTF Board of Directors, and the Director of
4 Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

