
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 negatively affects patient access to appropriate care;
17 now, 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; provided that at least two
27 members of each committee be representatives from the Hawai'i
28 Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) and an
29 additional seventy per cent of the membership of each committee
30 comprise Hawaii-licensed physicians and pharmacists who are
31 actively engaged in the practice of medicine or pharmacy within
32 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.

