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SENATE 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,
21 that the Senate supports the maintenance of locally-based
22 pharmacy and therapeutics committees with at least seventy per
23 cent of membership comprised of Hawaii-licensed physicians and
24 pharmacists who are actively engaged in the practice of medicine
25 or pharmacy within the State and which are empowered to make
26 decisions on drug formulary and drug prior authorization
27 policies of all health insurance plans doing business in Hawaii,
28 including those under contract with Hawaii Med-QUEST; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Insurance Commissioner and the
32 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
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