
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE
REGULATION OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT COMPANIES.

1 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 275 (2011) proposes to regulate pharmacy
2 benefit management companies, which are presently unregulated;
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5 WHEREAS, pharmacy benefit management companies are the
6 intermediaries that negotiate services and costs between
7 pharmaceutical companies and third party payors, such as
8 insurance companies, businesses, and cash-paying customers; and
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10 WHEREAS, regulation of pharmacy benefit management
11 companies would help stabilize health care costs by enforcing
12 disclosure of drug costs and financial contracts with health
13 care providers; and
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15 WHEREAS, pharmacy providers, such as chain drug stores and
16 independent pharmacies, are currently subjected to unregulated
17 auditing practices, and additional oversight of pharmacy benefit
18 management companies may establish more reliable business
19 practices; and
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21 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
22 the Auditor to review proposals to regulate heretofore
23 unregulated professions, vocations, or occupations; and
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25 WHEREAS, it is imperative that pharmacy benefit management
26 companies be subject to licensing and regulation requirements to
27 reduce health care costs and guarantee health care consumers
28 access to the best possible care; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is respectfully



1 requested to conduct a sunrise review of the regulation of
2 pharmacy benefit management companies, pursuant to section 26H-
3 6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as proposed to be regulated under
4 H.B. No. 275 (2011); and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
7 submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later
8 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
9 of 2012; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the
13 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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