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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 431:14G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§431:14G-           Public review and comment. (a) Upon  
5 receipt of a rate filing requesting a rate change, the  
6 commissioner, within three business days, shall post the rate  
7 filing and a plain-language explanation of the rate filing on  
8 the commissioner's website.

9           (b) The rate filing shall be available for public review  
10 and comment through the commissioner for a period of thirty  
11 days. An accident and health or sickness insurer under article  
12 10A, a mutual benefit society under chapter 432, or a health  
13 maintenance organization under chapter 432D that has submitted a  
14 rate filing shall respond to comments received during the review  
15 and comment period. During the public review and comment  
16 period, the commissioner shall hold a public hearing on the rate  
17 filing at which the insureds, members, and enrollees of the



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1 accident and health or sickness insurer, mutual benefit society,  
2 or health maintenance organization, respectively, may testify.

3 (c) The public review and comment period may run  
4 concurrently with the waiting period described in section  
5 431:14G-105(g)."

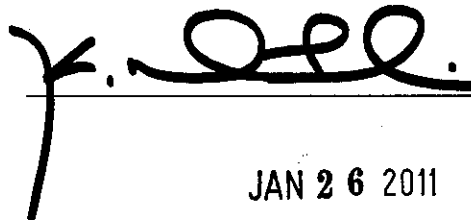
6 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
8 begun before its effective date.

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Health Insurance; Rate Regulation

**Description:**

Requires a 30-day public review and comment period and public hearing upon the filing with the insurance commissioner of a request for a rate change by an accident and health or sickness insurer, a mutual benefit society, or a health maintenance organization.

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