
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 226, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII
2013, RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS.

1 WHEREAS, Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, was codified
2 as chapter 431R, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); and
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4 WHEREAS, section 431R-4, HRS, requires each prescription
5 drug benefit plan, health benefits plan under chapter 87A, HRS,
6 and pharmacy benefit manager to file an annual report to the
7 Insurance Commissioner by March 31 of each year; and
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9 WHEREAS, the first annual required report to the Insurance
10 Commissioner is due by March 31, 2014; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Insurance Commissioner has yet to clarify
13 several key aspects of Act 226, including the standards and
14 requirements for a retail community pharmacy to be deemed
15 "otherwise qualified" and the "form and detail" of the report
16 due on March 31, 2014; and
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18 WHEREAS, cost-control over prescription medicine is more
19 critical now that prescription drugs are one of the ten
20 essential health benefits under the federal Patient Protection
21 and Affordable Care Act; and
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23 WHEREAS, large employer groups, such as the Hawaii
24 Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, will be helping the
25 State to contain costs and therefore drive down the State's
26 projected unfunded liability; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that uncontained drug costs
29 and loose oversight of pharmacy benefit managers and
30 prescription contracts has led to a ballooning increase in
31 health care costs, which increases the costs to all consumers
32 and slows the economy down; and



