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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MEDICAL CANNABIS INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT WORKING GROUP TO CONTINUE ITS WORK TO ADDRESS THE COMPLEXITIES SURROUNDING MEDICAL CANNABIS REIMBURSEMENTS BY HEALTH INSURANCE.

1           WHEREAS, medical cannabis is a valuable tool for health  
2 care providers when treating multiple disorders and diagnoses  
3 including but not limited to cancer, glaucoma, epilepsy,  
4 multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and lupus; and  
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6           WHEREAS, unlike other medications used to treat these  
7 illnesses, medical cannabis is not covered by health insurance;  
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10           WHEREAS, for many people, especially the disabled,  
11 chronically ill, or elderly living on fixed incomes, insurance  
12 coverage is the primary means of paying for necessary  
13 medications; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Medical Cannabis Insurance Reimbursement  
16 Working Group (working group) was established by Act 161,  
17 Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to examine the complexities  
18 surrounding the topic of making medical cannabis reimbursable by  
19 health insurance; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the working group submitted a report on its  
22 findings for the Regular Session of 2019 but, due to the  
23 complexity of the issue, work remains to be done; now,  
24 therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
28 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Medical Cannabis Insurance  
29 Reimbursement Working Group (working group) is requested to  
30 continue its work to address the complexities surrounding  
31 medical cannabis reimbursements by health insurance; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
 3 to provide periodic updates to the Legislature and make  
 4 recommendations for any legislative or administrative action the  
 5 working group deems appropriate to address issues relevant to  
 6 health insurance reimbursement for medical cannabis; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
 9 to submit a final report, including recommendations for further  
 10 action, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
 11 the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,  
 15 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Insurance  
 16 Commissioner, and Administrator of the Med-Quest Division of the  
 17 Department of Human Services.  
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