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H.B. NO. 2925

A Bill for an Act Relating to Prepaid Health Care.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii has been providing quality health care to a large majority of its residents since 1974, when the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act was enacted. Implementation of a statewide health plan has resulted in our state's having one of the healthiest populations in

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the country, and becoming a model for the nation as health care reform moves to the front of the national agenda. While it is refreshing to see that Hawaii's historic reform may soon be replicated on a national scale, it is imperative that our state health care is not jeopardized by a federal plan that may not be consistent with our hard-won state benefits.

The purpose of this Act is to ensure that Hawaii residents continue to receive top-quality health care, regardless of any federal plan that may be enacted, by repealing the provision of our current prepaid health care law that sunsets the state law upon enactment of a national health plan.

SECTION 2. Chapter 393, part V, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon the effective date of any federal act permitting the amendment of the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act.

(Approved June 8, 1994.)