THE SENATE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010 STATE OF HAWAII S.C.R. NO. 96

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Employer-Union Health
 Benefits Trust Fund approved a series of prescription drug
 program changes that became effective July 1, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, one of the changes is the adoption of a 6 maintenance mail order program, under which health plan 7 participants are eventually required to obtain their maintenance 8 medications through a Florida-based mail order pharmacy 9 following either three separate thirty-day fills or one ninety-10 day fill for each maintenance medication at a local retail 11 pharmacy; and

13 WHEREAS, under the maintenance mail order program, the 14 participants receive up to a ninety-day supply of prescription 15 medication for one mail order co-payment; and

17 WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees instituted the change in the 18 health benefits plan in order to provide cost saving 19 opportunities for the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund 20 while continuing to provide comprehensive prescription drug 21 coverage to participants; and

WHEREAS, the change in the health benefits plan has been
estimated to cause local retail pharmacies to incur a revenue
loss of at least five per cent; now, therefore,

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth 28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the 29 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Auditor is 30 requested to perform a financial and program audit of the 31 portions of the health benefits plan of the Employer-Union 32 Health Benefits Trust Fund that require active employees and



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non-Medicare eligible plan participants to purchase maintenance 1 2 medication through a maintenance mail order program that went 3 into effect on July 1, 2009; and 4

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Auditor is further 6 requested to submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty 7 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011; and 8 9

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor, and 11 12 to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. 13

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