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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION BENEFITS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MED-QUEST DIVISION TO ENSURE THAT ALL OFFERED HEALTH PLANS PROVIDE TWELVE PER CENT OF MONTHLY INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO EACH RESPECTIVE MEMBER-PATIENT'S PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.

1 WHEREAS, there is a shortage of primary care physicians in
2 the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, the shortage of primary care physicians is partly
5 due to Hawaii's high cost of living and business costs; and

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7 WHEREAS, a consistent funding stream would help primary
8 care providers stay afloat and continue operating; and

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10 WHEREAS, patients already pay monthly premiums for health
11 insurance; and

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13 WHEREAS, part of the patient premium payments could be used
14 as a consistent funding mechanism for primary care providers;
15 now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
19 that the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Board
20 of Trustees and Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human
21 Services are requested to ensure that twelve per cent of monthly
22 premium payments for health insurance are paid directly to each
23 respective member-patient's primary care provider; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the twelve per cent of monthly
26 insurance premiums is requested to be paid to primary care
27 providers without regard to actual services received by the
28 member-patient; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Human
32 Services, Med-QUEST Division Administrator, and Chairperson of



1 the Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health
2 Benefits Trust Fund.

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