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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE  
REIMBURSEMENT RATES TO PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS FOR SERVICES  
TO MED-QUEST RECIPIENTS.

1 WHEREAS, current baseline reimbursements in commercial  
2 health insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare plans are low and offer  
3 no cost of living increases or overhead reimbursements for  
4 physicians; and

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6 WHEREAS, in addition, these plans offer no increase in  
7 reimbursement rates to reflect years of experience, as is common  
8 in other fields; and

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10 WHEREAS, without adequate reimbursement rates, physicians  
11 may struggle to maintain a financially viable practice or may  
12 refuse to provide care altogether to patients utilizing those  
13 plans; and

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15 WHEREAS, many physicians are opting out of private practice  
16 and currently, ten per cent of physicians in Hawaii are in  
17 private practice, while ten years ago seventy-five per cent were  
18 in private practice; and

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20 WHEREAS, increasing reimbursement rates will help ensure  
21 that primary care physicians who provide services to med-QUEST  
22 recipients can continue to serve this population without  
23 experiencing a loss of revenue; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
28 Human Services is urged to increase reimbursement rates to  
29 primary care physicians for services to med-QUEST recipients;  
30 and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human  
3 Services.  
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OFFERED BY:

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