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SENATE RESOLUTION

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,
27 that the Department of Human Services is urged to increase
28 reimbursement rates to primary care physicians for services to
29 med-QUEST recipients; and



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

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5 OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Fella", written over a horizontal line.