LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-fourth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2018

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER TRANSPARENCY.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, pharmacy benefit managers were originally intended to reduce administrative costs for insurers, validate patient eligibility, and administer plan benefits as well as negotiate costs between pharmacies and health plans; and

WHEREAS, pharmacy benefit managers have control over almost all aspects of prescription drug transactions, with the three largest pharmacy benefit managers managing 78% of prescription drug benefit transactions; and

WHEREAS, a study relating to pharmacy benefit manager transparency is important to the citizens of the State of Idaho so that pharmacies in Idaho have all the information needed to make operational business decisions, giving oversight of pharmacy benefit managers that operate in Idaho to the Idaho Department of Insurance. A study would also work toward establishing transparency of covered prescription drug lists and the methodology that determines how reimbursement to pharmacies is ultimately calculated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of pharmacy benefit manager transparency. The Legislative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Nonlegislative members of the advisory committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations or proposed legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature.