

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress enact legislation permitting negotiation of drug prices and rebates on behalf of Medicare recipients.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impact of prescription costs on Medicare patients

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** House Joint Memorial 14 states that the rising cost of prescriptions and health care is a significant driver for federal, state and household budgets, and that prescription companies have seen benefits from patent protection and prohibitions against importations of less expensive drugs. The memorial also notes that certain federal agencies have the power to negotiate lower prices with prescription drug companies.

The memorial urges Congress to enact legislation permitting United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate drug prices and rebates for Medicare recipients.