

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/20

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Medicare recipients' prescription costs
- State versus federal role in prescription drug negotiations
- Prescription drug delivery system

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. Additionally, the memorial notes that certain federal agencies have the power to negotiate lower prices with prescription drug companies.

House Joint Memorial 14 urges Congress to enact legislation permitting United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate drug prices and rebates for Medicare recipients.