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Mr. Speaker:

The Government Operations Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 79**, PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASING POOLS, by Representative B. Last, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 4, Lines 93 through 100:*

93 (ii) Any state, district, county, city, municipality, public agency, or governmental
94 entity
95 other than a state entity defined in Subsection (1) may elect to participate in the aggregate
96 prescription drug purchasing program established by this section.
97 (iii) The state Medicaid program may **not** participate in the aggregate
98 prescription drug
99 purchasing program {**to the extent:**
100 **—(A) permitted by federal law; and**
100 **—(B) participation in the plan would reduce the Medicaid program's costs for**
100 **prescription drugs;}** .

2. *Page 4, Lines 111 through 120:*

111 (c) explore additional strategies for managing the increasing costs of prescription
112 drugs, including:
113 (i) coordinating programs offered by pharmaceutical manufacturers that provide
114 prescription drugs for free or at reduced prices; **and**
115 (ii) {**study the feasibility and appropriateness of including in the aggregate**
116 **purchasing**
117 **programs entities in the private sector, including employers, providers, and**
118 **individual**
117 **consumers;**
118 **—(iii) implementing other strategies, as permitted under state and federal law,**
118 **aimed at**

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- 119 managing escalating prescription drug prices; and
120 ~~—(iv) enter }~~ entering into agreements with other states to jointly purchase
prescription drugs in the

3. Page 5, Line 140

- 140 accordance with Section 63-2-304 of the Government Records Access and Management
Act. =

(8) If a state entity is participating in a bulk purchasing of prescription drugs
program prior to the effective date of this act, this section does not prohibit that state
entity from continuing its participation in that bulk purchasing of prescription drugs
program.

Respectfully,

Douglas C. Aagard
Committee Chair

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