



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Testimony

General Law Committee

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Senate Bill No. 309 An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Value-Based Pricing of Prescription Drugs

Senator Leone, Representative Baram, and members of the General Law Committee, the Insurance Department appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to **Senate Bill No. 33 An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Value-Based Pricing of Prescription Drugs**. S.B. 309 would establish a task force to study value-based pricing of prescription drugs. The task force will have many appointments, including the Insurance Commissioner, or her designee. This bill would require the task force to submit a report not later than January 1, 2017.

While the Connecticut Insurance Department appreciates the intent of this bill, it does not currently have the staffing resources necessary to provide to this task force. Like our colleagues across state government, the Insurance Department has been asked to do more with less and maintain a focus on executing our core services. The Department remains committed to consumer protection and will continue to use its regulatory authority to ensure health rates are not excessive, inadequate, unfair, or discriminatory while providing coverage required under law.

The Department thanks the General Law Committee Chairs and members for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 309.

About the Connecticut Insurance Department: The mission of the Connecticut Insurance Department is to protect consumers through regulation of the industry, outreach, education and advocacy. The Department recovers an average of more than \$4 million yearly on behalf of consumers and regulates the industry by ensuring carriers adhere to state insurance laws and regulations and are financially solvent to pay claims. The Department's annual budget is funded through assessments from the insurance industry. For every dollar of direct expense, the Department brings in about \$7.45 to the state in revenues. Each year, the Department returns more than \$215 million in assessments, fees and penalties to the state's General Fund.