



# RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

Chairperson Joseph Solomon  
House Corporations Committee  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

H7172

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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

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On behalf of the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS), I write to provide perspective on H7172.

This legislation addresses an important and evolving issue — the increasing role of private equity and complex ownership structures in healthcare. Changes in ownership and control can have meaningful impacts on physician practices, patient care, workforce stability, and continuity of services, and greater transparency in these areas is an important consideration.

Rhode Island has already taken steps in this area through the Attorney General's healthcare transaction review regulations, which focus on the review of material transactions and their potential impact on the healthcare system. As the Committee considers H7172, it will be important to understand how this proposed framework — which emphasizes disclosure, transparency, and ongoing reporting — would interact with existing regulatory processes.

In particular, ensuring alignment and coordination between the Department of Health, the Office of the Attorney General, and other state agencies will be important to avoid duplication, conflicting requirements, or unnecessary administrative burden for providers and healthcare organizations.

It will also be important to consider how the scope of the bill, including its application to a broad range of entities and transactions, may impact smaller or independent physician practices, as well as how any reporting requirements are implemented over time.

RIMS appreciates the opportunity to provide this perspective and looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee as it evaluates this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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