



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

April 7, 2026

The Hon. Melissa Murray
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
82 Smith Street, Room 313
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for S2863: An Act Relating To Insurance -- Accident And Sickness Insurance Policies.

Dear Chair Murray:

I write to you in support of S2863: An Act Relating To Insurance -- Accident And Sickness Insurance Policies. This bill requires the state, and private insurers that cover prescription hormone therapy, to dispense twelve (12) months' worth of the prescription as a single prescription.

Currently, individuals who receive and take hormone therapy as prescribed by their doctor may need to make multiple visits to their pharmacy in order to continue with their treatment. This can pose problems to people in need of regular prescription medication for hormone therapy purposes. When regular trips the pharmacy are needed in order to sustain access to their hormone medication, lapses can occur which can adversely impact the effect of their prescription regimen. By allowing patients to receive a year's-worth of hormone therapy medication at once, we can help insure that patients receive the care they need without unnecessary return trips to the pharmacy.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

Sabina Matos
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island
CC: Senator Melissa Murray