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SB2140

Senate Human Services Committee

Madam Chairman Lee and members of the Human Services Committee,

My name is Tim Mathern here to introduce Senate Bill 2140. I call this bill an important old friend as we have attempted passage before and some of you have seen this bill before. SB 2140 directs insurance companies including our state health insurance plan to cover the costs of diabetes drugs and supplies.

Too many of our citizens suffer from diabetes and the costs of care are too burdensome. This bill essentially directs our public policy to spread these costs throughout the larger population through our insurance mandate process. The bill also exempts the coverage from going through the implementation process of a two-year application in our state health plan. The bill includes \$25 cost caps and lists specific items to be covered.

The bill is comprehensive, tough, and direct. While so, the passage of this bill is what we need to save lives and prevent the economic destruction of family units.

Thank you.

Please direct questions to other persons waiting to testify. They know much more about this topic.

I ask for a Do Pass recommendation on SB2140

Senator Tim Mathern

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