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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Current contracts to administer Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and Open Access Plan (OAP) benefits for the State Employees' Group Insurance Program are set to expire on June 30, 2011, and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services initiated a request-for-proposals process to select vendors to administer those benefit programs after the expiration of the current contracts; and

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to this process, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services posted notice of intent to award contracts to 4 managed care organizations in order to provide HMO and OAP benefits to State employees, dependents, and retirees starting on July 1, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, This notice is the subject of official protests questioning the procurement process used to select the potential vendors used to administer these health benefit programs; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Procurement Code and administrative regulations provide a broad grant of authority to the State to cancel a solicitation (before or after the opening of bids) if it would be in the State's best interests to do so, and that

1 authority may be exercised even though protests are under  
2 review; and

3 WHEREAS, Fundamental issues regarding access to, and the  
4 cost of, adequate health care appear to be inextricably  
5 intertwined with administrative and technical questions  
6 pertaining to procedural compliance with the Illinois  
7 Procurement Code and administrative rules; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we find that the  
10 circumstances surrounding these current procurements and their  
11 potential to cause adverse effects on the State and its  
12 citizens warrant a finding that it is in the best interests of  
13 the State to cancel the existing solicitations; and be it  
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15 RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor and the Chief  
16 Procurement Officer to cancel those solicitations and to issue  
17 a new request for proposals in a timely manner in order to  
18 select an adequate network of administrators to provide access  
19 to health care for all State employees, retirees, and  
20 dependents; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the

1 Director of Healthcare and Family Services, and the Chief  
2 Procurement Officer responsible for overseeing the HMO and OAP  
3 procurement.