

State and Federal Policy Updates

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118th Congress



Drug Shortages



Medicare
Physician Payment



Telemedicine



Prior authorization



Federal Cancer
Research

118th Congress – Lame Duck

Lame Duck (Nov 12 – Dec 20)

- Depends on the election!
- Government funding package... maybe
- Disaster relief
- International conflicts



Planning for the 119th Congress



Many new Members
of Congress

New committee
membership

Leadership changes

Thin margins of
power

Bipartisan, low-cost,
broad support will
continue to be key

2025 ASCO State Advocacy Priorities

Fertility Preservation

Medicaid Expansion

Drug Pricing

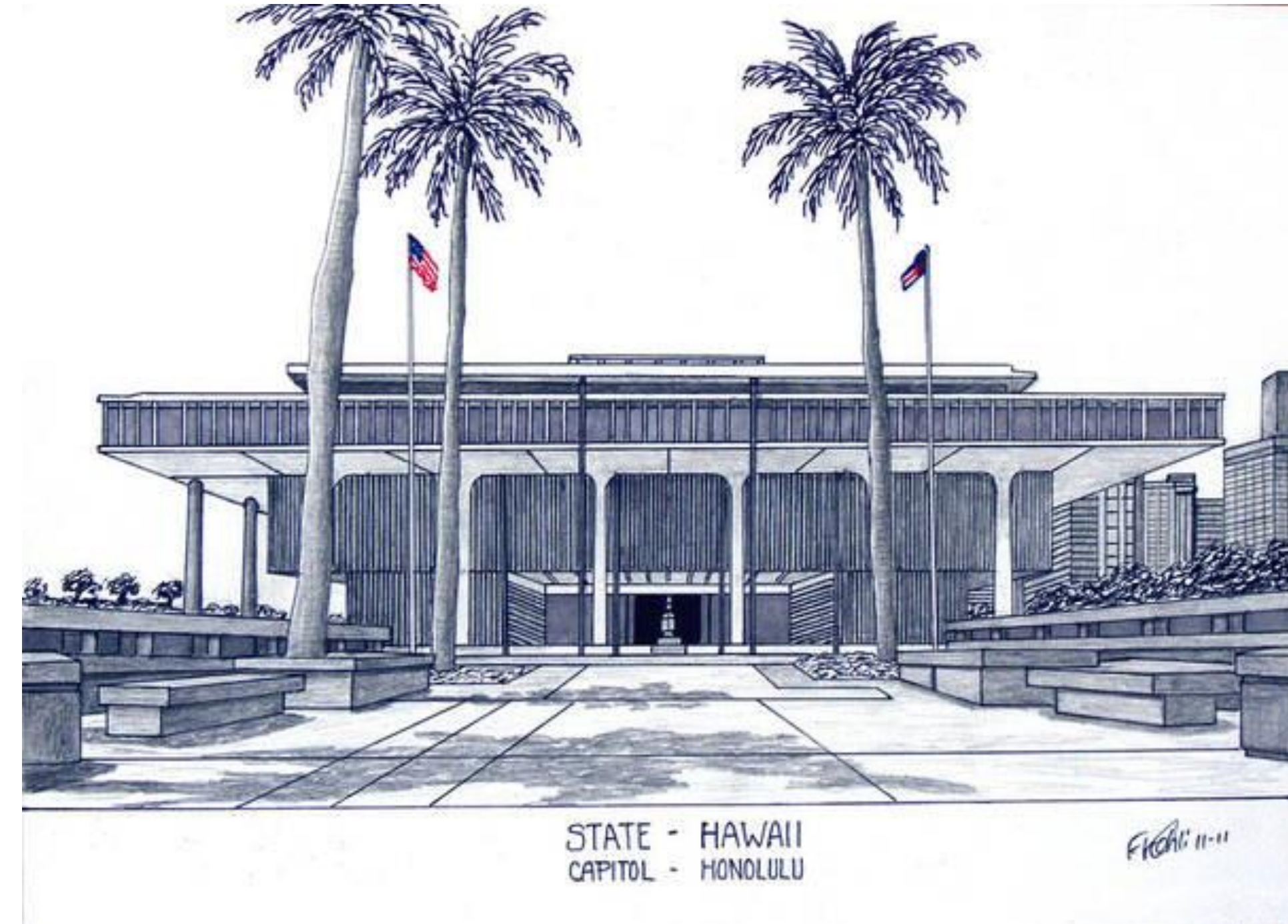
White Bagging

Prior Authorization

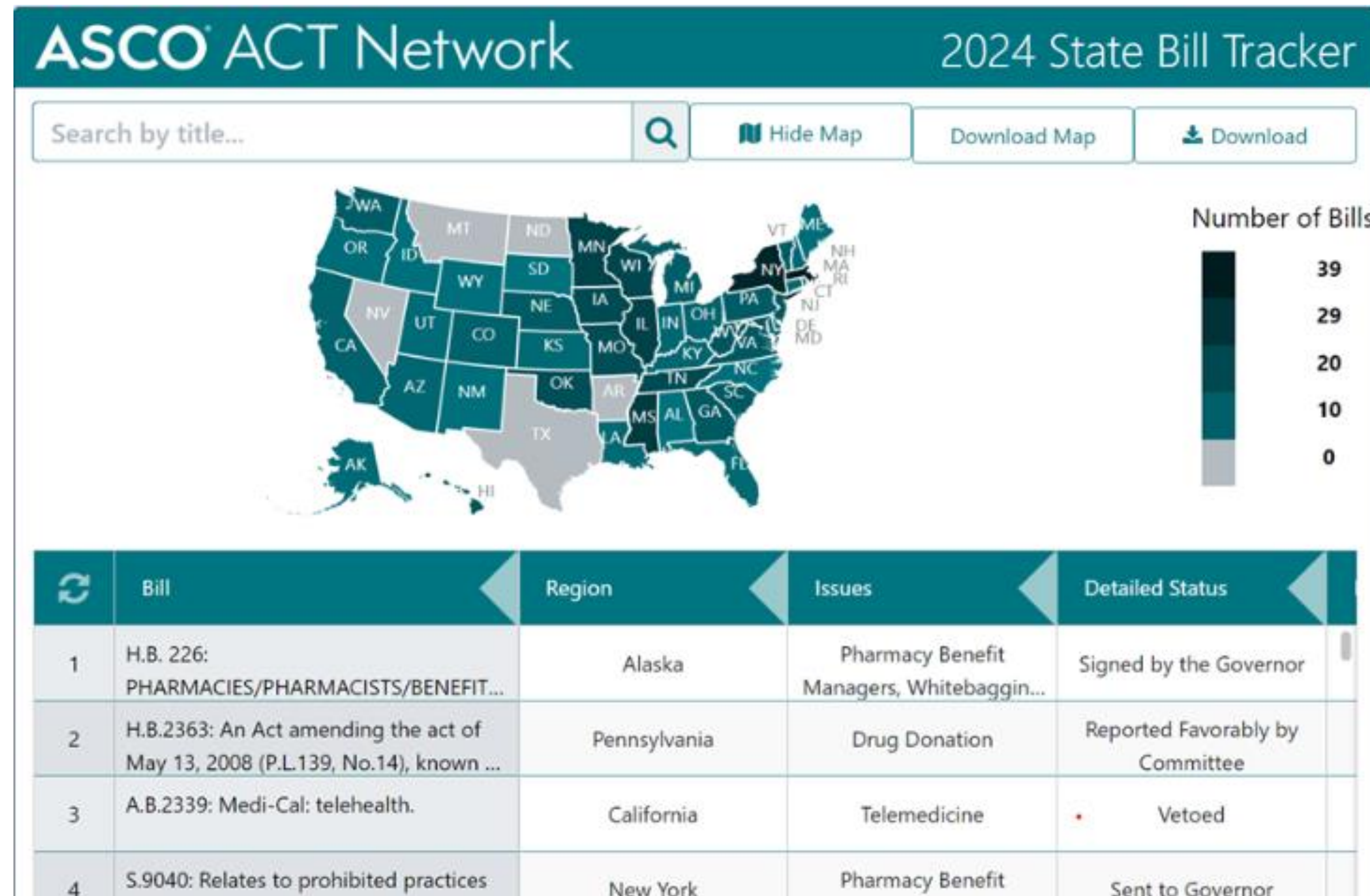
Step Therapy

Pharmacy Benefit Managers

Copay Accumulators



ASCO State Bill Tracker



Scan for information on legislation ASCO is tracking in Hawaii and around the country.

Grassroots Advocacy

ASCO[®] ACT Network

- Action alerts
- Personalize messages
- Federal & State Bill Trackers
- Visit: www.asco.org/ACTNetwork

The screenshot shows the ASCO ACT Network website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: ASCO ACT Network, Federal Bill Tracker, State Bill Tracker, My Officials, Log Lawmaker Interaction, Lawmaker Relationship, ASCO Association PAC, ASCO's Advocacy Toolkit, and Sign Up. Below the navigation bar is a large image of the U.S. Capitol building with the text "Welcome to the ACT Network" overlaid. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- The ACT Network is your central hub for learning about and taking action on ASCO's cancer care priorities.** Here, you can send pre-drafted letters to your lawmakers on important legislative issues impacting cancer providers and their patients. Additionally, you can find information on federal legislation ASCO has formally endorsed or opposed, as well as state legislation ASCO is tracking throughout the country. Take action today!
- Send Personalized Letters to Your Lawmakers**
Federal Funding for Cancer Research
As Congress negotiates Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bills, urge them to make cancer research a top priority. [Write](#)
- Have a Relationship with Your Lawmaker? Let Us Know!**
Please provide the information requested below.
Form fields: First Name, Last Name, Street Address, Email Address.
Note: If you do not already have an ASCO account matching email you used to register for the ACT Network, a new account will be created and you will receive an activation email. View ASCO's Privacy Policy for further information. [Submit](#)

There is also a **Questions?** section with a similar form and note.