
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 **"CHAPTER**

5 **HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY**

6 § -1 **Hawaii health authority; establishment.** (a) There
7 is established within the department of budget and finance for
8 administrative purposes the Hawaii health authority. The
9 authority shall be an autonomous public body corporate and
10 politic and an instrumentality of the State.

11 (b) The authority shall be composed of nine members
12 appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34; provided
13 that three members shall be appointed from a list of nominees
14 submitted by the speaker of the house of representatives and
15 three members shall be appointed from a list of nominees
16 submitted by the president of the senate. All members shall be
17 appointed for terms of four years each.



1 (c) An executive director shall be selected by the
2 members.

3 (d) Each member shall hold office until the member's
4 successor is appointed and qualified.

5 (e) Five members shall constitute a quorum, whose
6 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all valid actions by the
7 authority.

8 **§ -2 Hawaii health authority; duties and**

9 **responsibilities.** (a) The authority shall be responsible for
10 overall health planning for the State and shall be responsible
11 for determining future capacity needs of health providers,
12 facilities, equipment, and support services providers.

13 (b) The authority shall develop a comprehensive health
14 plan that includes:

15 (1) Establishment of eligibility for inclusion in a health
16 plan for all individuals;

17 (2) Establishment of all reimbursable services to be paid
18 by the authority;

19 (3) Establishment of all approved providers of services in
20 a health plan for all individuals;

21 (4) Evaluation of health care and cost effectiveness of
22 all aspects of a health plan for all individuals;



1 (5) Establishment of a budget for a health plan for all
2 individuals in the State.

3 (c) The authority may seek waivers of federal law, rule,
4 or regulation necessary to implement and maintain the provisions
5 of this chapter.

6 (d) The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
7 necessary for the purposes of this chapter.

8 (e) The authority shall submit a comprehensive health plan
9 for all individuals in the State, including its findings and
10 recommendations, to the legislature no later than twenty days
11 before the convening of the regular session of 2008."

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000, or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
15 purpose of operating the Hawaii health authority.

16 The sum shall be expended by the department of budget and
17 finance for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval,
19 except that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Universal Health Care; Hawaii Health Authority

Description:

Creates Hawaii health authority to develop a comprehensive plan to provide universal health care in Hawaii. Appropriates \$500,000. Report to 2008 regular session of the legislature.

