
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Hawaii health commission; establishment.** (a)

2 There is established within the department of budget and finance
3 for administrative purposes the Hawaii health commission. The
4 commission shall be an autonomous public body corporate and
5 politic and an instrumentality of the State.

6 (b) The commission shall be composed of nine members
7 appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34; provided
8 that three members shall be appointed from a list of nominees
9 submitted by the speaker of the house of representatives and
10 three members shall be appointed from a list of nominees
11 submitted by the president of the senate. All members shall be
12 appointed for terms of four years each.

13 (c) An executive director shall be selected by a majority
14 vote of the members.

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



1 (e) Five members shall constitute a quorum, whose
2 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all valid actions by the
3 commission.

4 SECTION 2. **Duties and responsibilities.** (a) The
5 commission shall be responsible for overall health planning for
6 the State and shall be responsible for determining future
7 capacity needs of health providers, facilities, equipment, and
8 support services providers.

9 (b) The commission shall develop a comprehensive health
10 plan that includes:

11 (1) Determination of eligibility for inclusion in a health
12 plan for all individuals in the state;

13 (2) Determination of all reimbursable services to be paid
14 by the commission;

15 (3) Determination of all approved providers of services in
16 a health plan for all individuals in the state;

17 (4) Evaluation of the quality and cost-effectiveness of
18 all aspects of a health plan for all individuals; and

19 (5) Establishment of a budget for a health plan for all
20 individuals in the state.

21 (c) The commission shall submit to the legislature, no
22 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular



1 session of 2010, a comprehensive health plan for all individuals
2 in the state, including the commission's findings and
3 recommendations.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
7 the operations of the Hawaii health commission.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
11 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2008;
12 provided further that sections 1 and 2 shall be repealed when
13 the Hawaii health commission has submitted the comprehensive
14 health plan, and its findings and recommendations pursuant to
15 section 2(c) of this Act.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Universal Health Care

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Health Commission to develop a health plan to provide healthcare coverage for all individuals in the state.

