

JAN 22 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Federally qualified health centers are located
2 in medically underserved communities and serve medically
3 underserved populations.

4 Among the federally qualified health centers in Hawaii,
5 there are health centers which are either located in communities
6 with a large percentage of Hawaiian homesteads, or a large
7 percentage of native Hawaiians, or both. The role of these
8 centers is especially important in addressing the poor health
9 statistics experienced by native Hawaiians.

10 The federal Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act
11 identifies a native Hawaiian health center as an entity:

- 12 (1) Which is organized under the laws of the State of
13 Hawaii;
- 14 (2) Which provides or arranges for health care services
15 through practitioners licensed by the State of Hawaii,
16 where licensure requirements are applicable;
- 17 (3) Which is a public or nonprofit private entity; and



1 (4) In which native Hawaiian health practitioners
 2 significantly participate in the planning, management,
 3 monitoring, and evaluation of health services.

4 The purpose of this Act is to establish a State designation
 5 of native Hawaiian health centers. The criteria for designation
 6 as a native Hawaiian health center shall follow that of the
 7 Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act, Title 42 United
 8 States Code Sections 11701-11714.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
 11 and to read as follows:

12 "§321- Native Hawaiian health center; State
 13 designation. (a) A native Hawaiian health center shall be
 14 designated as an entity:

- 15 (1) Which is organized under the laws of the State of
 16 Hawaii;
- 17 (2) Which provides or arranges for health care services
 18 through practitioners licensed by the State of Hawaii,
 19 where licensure requirements are applicable;
- 20 (3) Which is a public or nonprofit private entity; and

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1 (4) In which native Hawaiian health practitioners
2 significantly participate in the planning, management,
3 monitoring, and evaluation of health services.

4 (b) The director of health, in consultation and
5 collaboration with Papa Ola Lokahi, shall adopt rules pursuant
6 to chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of designating native
7 Hawaiian health centers."

8 SECTION 3. Until such time as there is a sovereign
9 Hawaiian nation recognized by the United States and the State of
10 Hawaii, the department of health shall coordinate with Papa Ola
11 Lokahi to oversee the designation of native Hawaiian health
12 centers.

13 The department of health shall follow the criteria, where
14 practical, set by the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement
15 Act, Title 42 United States Code Sections 11701-11714.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the
19 development and establishment of a State-recognized designation
20 of native Hawaiian health centers.

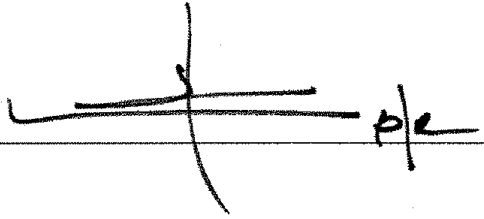
21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
22 health for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Health Care; Native Hawaiian Health Centers

Description:

Establishes a State designation of Native Hawaiian Health Centers which follow the mandates provided for in the federal Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act.

