

JAN 26 2009

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. (a) There is established
7 within the department of budget and finance for administrative
8 purposes the Hawaii health authority. The authority shall be an
9 autonomous public body corporate and politic and an
10 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 Duties and responsibilities. (a) The Hawaii
9 health authority shall be responsible for the overall health
10 care planning of the State and shall be responsible for
11 determining future capacity needs of health care providers,
12 facilities, equipment, and support services providers.

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

15 (1) Eligibility requirements that ensure all individuals
16 residing in the State are included in a health care
17 plan;

18 (2) A list of all reimbursable services to be paid by the
19 authority;

20 (3) A list of all approved health care service providers
21 included in a health plan for all individuals residing
22 in the State;



1 (4) Evaluations of health care services and the cost
2 effectiveness of all aspects of a health care plan for
3 all individuals residing in the State; and

4 (5) A budget for a health plan that provides health care
5 coverage for all individuals residing in the State.

6 (c) The authority shall submit a comprehensive health plan
7 that provides health care coverage for all individuals residing
8 in the State, including its findings and recommendations, to the
9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the regular session of 2011."

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010, and
14 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
15 year 2010-2011 for the operations of the Hawaii health authority
16 established pursuant to this Act.

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

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
20 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Health Authority; Universal Health Care; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii health authority to develop a comprehensive health plan that provides health care for all residents of Hawaii. Makes an appropriation.

