
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LONG TERM CARE COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 224, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, section
2 4, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established a long term care commission
4 within the University of Hawaii college of social sciences
5 public policy center for administrative purposes. The
6 commission shall:

- 7 (1) Identify problems with current long term care
8 capacity, programs, and services;
- 9 (2) Develop a five-year comprehensive long term care plan
10 to accomplish long term care policy goals that, when
11 implemented, will ensure the availability of a full
12 continuum of institutional and community-based
13 services, including benchmarks to evaluate
14 accomplishments for each year;
- 15 (3) Research public and private financing options and
16 develop recommendations about financial resources,
17 including a mix of public and private financing,



1 necessary to achieve needed state long term care
2 reforms and state public policy goals;

3 (4) Monitor federal legislation for changes that may
4 impact the program and adjust the long term care plan
5 accordingly; [~~and~~]

6 (5) Collaborate with interested stakeholders, including
7 community coalitions or organizations concerned with
8 educating the public regarding long term care[-]; and

9 (6) Review the feasibility of establishing a long term
10 care insurance fund to assist residents who would
11 otherwise not qualify for any government or private
12 long term care insurance program. The fund would be
13 financed by imposing or increasing the general excise
14 tax on food and drugs and commence on January 1, 2012.
15 The commission shall report its conclusions and
16 recommendations based upon this review as part of the
17 commission's final report to the legislature on
18 September 30, 2010."

19 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Long Term Care Commission; Long Term Care Fund

Description:

Requires the long term care commission to review the feasibility of establishing a long term care fund to assist residents who would otherwise not qualify for any government or private long term care insurance program. Finances the fund by imposing or increasing the general excise tax on food and drugs commencing 1/1/12. Requires conclusions and recommendations of the review to be included in the commission's final report to the legislature on 9/30/10.

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