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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the community of the  
2 island of Hawaii wants to have a greater say in the health care  
3 planning process for the island. The purpose of this Act is to  
4 establish the temporary Hawaii county health initiative task  
5 force that is to develop a comprehensive strategic health plan  
6 for the county and expedite the approval of new acute care  
7 facilities and medical or emergency services on the island of  
8 Hawaii.

9           SECTION 2. **Hawaii county health initiative task force.**

10 (a) There is established the temporary Hawaii county health  
11 initiative task force within the state health planning and  
12 development agency for administrative purposes to develop a  
13 comprehensive strategic health plan for the county of Hawaii.  
14 The state health planning and development agency and the  
15 department of health shall provide technical and administrative  
16 support to the task force.

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1 (b) The task force shall consist of fifteen members to be  
2 appointed without regard to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised  
3 Statutes, as follows:

4 (1) The mayor of the county of Hawaii shall appoint seven  
5 members who are residents of various regions of the  
6 county of Hawaii;

7 (2) The president of the senate shall appoint four  
8 members; and

9 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives shall  
10 appoint four members.

11 Members shall have diverse backgrounds and experiences in health  
12 care, including acute care, long term care, emergency medical  
13 services, and higher education as related to health care  
14 professions, finance, planning, or as a consumer. At least one  
15 member shall have statewide experience. No member shall be  
16 employed by the department of health or the state health  
17 planning and development agency attached to the department of  
18 health. Members shall not receive compensation but shall be  
19 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their  
20 duties, including travel expenses.

21 (c) The task force shall develop a comprehensive strategic  
22 health plan for the county of Hawaii that will:



- 1           (1) Determine the current and future health care needs of  
2           the county of Hawaii;
- 3           (2) Develop an integrated plan for providing health care,  
4           including primary, acute, and long-term care, urgent  
5           and emergency care, and disaster preparedness; and
- 6           (3) Determine an appropriate role for Hawaii county health  
7           care facilities within the statewide system of  
8           emergency and trauma care.
- 9           (d) The task force may contract for services to obtain  
10          necessary information, data, and analysis. The state health  
11          planning and development agency shall expedite any contracts  
12          required under chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 13          (e) The task force shall submit its final report,  
14          including findings, recommendations, and any necessary proposed  
15          legislation, to the legislature, the mayor of Hawaii county, and  
16          the state health planning and development agency no later than  
17          twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
18          2010. Within sixty days of receipt of the task force's report,  
19          the state health planning and development agency shall integrate  
20          the report into the activities of the Hawaii county subarea  
21          health planning council.



1 (f) The task force shall convene its first meeting no  
2 later than July 15, 2009, and shall terminate on June 30, 2010.

3 SECTION 3. Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding,  
4 the state health planning and development agency shall grant  
5 expedited review to any application for a certificate of need  
6 whose health care service area is within Hawaii County that  
7 demonstrates financial viability and meets the Hawaii health  
8 performance plan relating to Hawaii county as revised pursuant  
9 to section 2(e). Any required hearings or reviews shall be held  
10 in Hawaii county.

11 SECTION 4. 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 for  
14 the operation of the Hawaii county health initiative task force  
15 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state health  
17 planning and development agency for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
19 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii County Health Initiative Task Force; Health Planning;  
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**Description:**

Establishes the Hawaii county health initiative task force to develop a comprehensive strategic health plan and to expedite the approval of new acute care facilities and medical or emergency services for the county of Hawaii.

