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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. Once national health care reform legislation  
2 gains passage, states must be prepared to implement changes to  
3 existing federal health care programs. This is especially  
4 crucial given the potential for large-scale change to medicaid  
5 plans likely to be initiated through such reform legislation.

6           The purpose of this Act is to ensure a continuity of care  
7 for Hawaii's neediest population and to make certain that  
8 medicaid contracts reflect expectations outlined in national  
9 health care reform, by establishing restrictions on the issuance  
10 of request for proposals for QUEST contracts.

11           SECTION 2. Section 103F-402, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

13           "(a) State agencies to which the legislature has  
14 appropriated funds for the purchase of health and human services  
15 shall solicit proposals to provide health and human services by  
16 purchase of health and human services contracts, by publishing a  
17 notice requesting the submission of health and human service

1 proposals~~[7]~~; provided that a purchasing agency shall not  
2 solicit proposals for any QUEST contract under this section if:

- 3       (1) The anticipated contract sum exceeds \$100,000,000; and  
4       (2) The commencement date of the contract will be after  
5       the term of the current head of the purchasing agency  
6       has expired.

7 Notice of the request for proposals shall be given a reasonable  
8 time before the date set forth in the request for submission of  
9 proposals. The policy board shall adopt rules which specify:

- 10       (1) The form of the notice;  
11       (2) What constitutes a reasonable interim between notice  
12       and the proposal submission deadline; and  
13       (3) How the notice is to be published, including but not  
14       limited to~~[7]~~ whether the publication is to be  
15       completed in a newspaper of general circulation, by  
16       mail, through a public or private telecommunications  
17       network, or any other method or combination of methods  
18       which the board deems appropriate."

19       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

QUEST Contracting

**Description:**

Establishes limits on requests for proposals from health and human services providers for QUEST contracts that exceed \$100,000,000 and commence after the term of the agency director expires. (SD1)

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