

S.B. NO. 929

JAN 26 2009

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 448B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 repealed.

3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____


BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Dietitian Licensure Program

Description:

Abolishes the dietitian licensure program and the dietitian licensure special fund in the general treasury.

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE PROGRAM.

PURPOSE: To repeal the dietitian licensure program.

MEANS: Repeal chapter 448B, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The DOH does not have the resources or the infrastructure to implement this licensure program.

Impact on the public: While the DOH respects the Legislature's intentions, it appears that licensing dietitians or not licensing dietitians would have little public impact.

Impact on the department and other agencies: No impact on other agencies. Such a licensure program would require new resources and building new infrastructure within the department. Implementing this program in a department that does not regularly license health care professionals or provide for the enforcement of such licensure can no longer be considered given the economic realities.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH-720.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.