
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WELLNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 health's healthy Hawaii initiative conducted a survey of Hawaii
3 employer-union health benefits trust fund members last year at
4 the request of the outgoing trust fund management. The healthy
5 Hawaii initiative made a presentation to the trust fund board
6 regarding favorable responses from members on the following:

- 7 (1) Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund
8 members showed great interest in worksite wellness;
- 9 (2) Opportunities do exist to positively influence healthy
10 behavior related to physical activity and the
11 consumption of fruits and vegetables; and
- 12 (3) The majority of members favor reduced premiums and co-
13 payments for healthy lifestyles, completing health
14 risk assessments, or participating in disease
15 management.

16 The legislature finds that Hawaii must comply with federal
17 health reform legislation requirements by 2014, including
18 mandating physician reimbursements for outcomes rather than



1 transactions. Therefore, the legislature is interested in
2 authorizing and evaluating health and wellness alternatives that
3 reduce the incidence of chronic disease, support state employees
4 in adopting and maintaining healthier lifestyles, and reduce the
5 costs of health-care expenditures associated with emergency care
6 and other hospital-based treatments for avoidable chronic
7 diseases.

8 The purpose of this Act is to establish a workplace
9 wellness pilot program.

10 SECTION 2. The department of health shall create a
11 workplace wellness pilot program.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Health; Workplace Wellness; Pilot Program

Description:

Creates a workplace wellness pilot program. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB1106 HD1)

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