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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. Hawaii has enjoyed one of the highest rates of  
2 health care insurance coverage in the nation for more than  
3 thirty years, largely due to the prepaid health care act. The  
4 director of labor and industrial relations administers the  
5 prepaid health care act and has the authority to determine which  
6 health plans may operate in Hawaii. The director of labor and  
7 industrial relations is advised by the prepaid health care  
8 advisory council.

9           The prepaid health care advisory council currently consists  
10 of a maximum of seven members, appointed by the director of  
11 labor and industrial relations, and includes representatives of  
12 the medical and public health professions, representatives of  
13 consumer interests, and persons experienced in prepaid health  
14 care protection. Health care provider organizations are not  
15 currently represented on the prepaid health care advisory  
16 council.

17           The purpose of this Act is to include representatives from  
18 health care organizations on the prepaid health care advisory



1 council, in order to give the council valuable perspectives on  
2 the design of health plan benefits. This Act also increases the  
3 maximum membership of the prepaid health care advisory council  
4 from seven to nine.

5 SECTION 2. Section 393-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 "(d) The prepaid health care advisory council shall be  
8 appointed by the director and shall include representatives of  
9 the medical and public health professions, representatives of  
10 health care provider organizations, representatives of consumer  
11 interests, and persons experienced in prepaid health care  
12 protection; provided that a person representing a health  
13 maintenance organization under chapter 432D, a mutual benefit  
14 society issuing individual and group hospital or medical service  
15 plans under chapter 432, or any other health care organization  
16 shall not be a member. The membership of the council shall not  
17 exceed [~~seven~~] nine individuals."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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

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**Report Title:**

Prepaid Health Care Advisory Council; Health Care

**Description:**

Allows representatives of health care provider organizations to serve on the prepaid health advisory council; increases the number of members on the council from seven to nine.

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