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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID.

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

1           SECTION 1. The department of human services operates and  
2 has oversight of the State's medicaid program, a program that  
3 expends a significant amount of public funds annually.  
4 Currently, the department of human services sets medicaid policy  
5 and changes within the program, without the input of the  
6 legislature.

7           The purpose of this Act is to bring more transparency into  
8 the operations of the medicaid program in Hawaii, and to clarify  
9 the role of the legislature in setting medicaid program  
10 policies.

11           SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
13 and to read as follows:

14           "§346-       Medicaid program. (a) The department shall  
15 notify the standing committees of the senate and the house of  
16 representatives that have primary jurisdiction for medicaid  
17 program oversight about any intended change to Hawaii's medicaid  
18 program. The notification shall be made no later than sixty



1 days prior to implementation; provided that for any proposed  
2 state plan amendment submitted to the Centers for Medicare and  
3 Medicaid Services, the notification shall be made prior to  
4 submission. The notification shall include the full text and  
5 details of the intended change.

6 (b) The senate or house of representatives may hold  
7 hearings on any intended change proposed for the medicaid  
8 program or any proposed state plan amendment.

9 (c) The legislature, by law, may:

- 10 (1) Prohibit the department from making any intended  
11 change to the medicaid program or require the  
12 department to withdraw any proposed state plan  
13 amendment that has been submitted to the Centers for  
14 Medicare and Medicaid Services; and  
15 (2) Require the department to make changes to the medicaid  
16 program or submit a plan amendment to the Centers for  
17 Medicare and Medicaid Services."

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Medicaid Program; Proposed Changes and Amendments Notification

**Description:**

Requires Department of Human Services to notify the legislature of any proposed changes and state plan amendments relating to medicaid. Authorizes legislature to require the Department of Human Services to make changes to medicaid or submit a state plan amendment. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB1915 HD1)

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