
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that health insurance
2 exchanges established in the Patient and Protection Affordable
3 Care Act of 2010 are intended to support consumers and their
4 access to, and information regarding, quality, affordable health
5 care.

6 The purpose of this Act is to clearly define the consumer
7 in the health insurance exchange board, strengthen statewide
8 consumer and business representation on the health insurance
9 exchange board, address conflicts of interest on the health
10 insurance exchange board by preventing health plans from serving
11 on the board, and requiring the health insurance exchange to
12 offer a basic health plan.

13 SECTION 2. Section 435H-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
15 and to read as follows:

16 ""Consumer" means an enrollee in the state medicaid
17 program, medicare program, or a person who receives health care
18 benefits through the Hawaii health insurance exchange."



1 SECTION 3. Section 435H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

3 "(g) The connector shall make qualified plans, ~~and~~
4 qualified dental plans, and the basic health plan as defined in
5 the federal act available to qualified individuals and qualified
6 employers beginning with effective dates on or before January 1,
7 2014."

8 SECTION 4. Section 435H-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b) The membership of the board shall reflect geographic
11 statewide diversity, including representation from all islands,
12 and the diverse interests of stakeholders including consumers,
13 employers, ~~[insurers,]~~ and ~~[dental benefit]~~ providers~~[+]~~;
14 provided that no insurers shall be appointed to the board. The
15 director of commerce and consumer affairs or the director's
16 designee, the director of health or the director's designee, the
17 director of human services or the director's designee, and the
18 director of labor and industrial relations or the director's
19 designee shall be ex-officio, voting members of the board."

20 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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H.B. NO. 2114

Report Title:

Hawaii Health Insurance Exchange; Health Insurance Exchange Board

Description:

Provides a definition of consumer in the chapter on Health Insurance Exchange, requires statewide representation on the Health Insurance Exchange Board, removes insurers from serving on the Health Insurance Exchange Board, clarifies that representation by providers is not limited to dental providers, and requires the Hawaii Health Insurance Exchange to offer a basic health plan. Effective July 1, 2012.

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