
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii long-term
2 care stakeholders believe that the fragmentation of the long-
3 term care system is a major problem. They contend that there is
4 no real long-term care system, every component is designed for a
5 different purpose, and the components do not work together.

6 The legislature also finds that according to the Hawaii
7 long-term care commission: (1) state government needs to assert
8 stronger leadership over the entire long-term care population,
9 including those not eligible for public programs; (2) the
10 successes or failures of long-term care can contribute to or
11 detract from the success of the other programs; and (3) Hawaii's
12 laws are silent on the subject of leadership over long-term
13 care.

14 The purpose of this Act is to establish a long-term care
15 task force, establish the position of deputy healthcare
16 transformation coordinator for long-term care within the office
17 of the long-term care ombudsman, and appropriate funds to



1 support the task force on long-term care and the position of the
2 deputy healthcare transformation coordinator.

3 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a long-term care task
4 force within the executive office on aging of the department of
5 health for administrative purposes. The purpose of the long-
6 term care task force shall be to identify state programs and
7 services related to long-term care and determine the feasibility
8 of consolidating existing state functions and funds relating to
9 these programs and services to a single executive department.
10 The task force shall convene within thirty days after the
11 effective date of this Act.

12 (b) The task force shall be composed of:

- 13 (1) The deputy healthcare transformation coordinator
14 established pursuant to this Act;
- 15 (2) One representative from the med-QUEST division of the
16 department of human services;
- 17 (3) One member from the aging and disability resource
18 center program;
- 19 (4) One member of the home- and community-based services
20 community;
- 21 (5) One member of the nursing home community; and
- 22 (6) One member of the acute care hospitals community.



1 (c) In carrying out its duties under this section, the
2 task force may request staff assistance from the department of
3 health, the department of human services, and other appropriate
4 state and county executive agencies;

5 (d) The members of the task force shall serve without
6 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
7 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

8 (e) The task force shall:

9 (1) Identify state programs and services related to long-
10 term care;

11 (2) Conduct a comprehensive review of the programs and
12 services identified under paragraph (1) to determine
13 the advantages, disadvantages, and feasibility of
14 consolidating the programs and services under a single
15 agency or one division within a larger department;

16 (3) Determine whether programs and services for people
17 with intellectual and developmental disabilities and
18 mental health programs should be included;

19 (4) Identify the most appropriate single agency or one
20 division within a larger department to house long-term
21 care programs and services;

22 (5) Formulate a timetable for the transfer of functions;



- 1 (6) Provide a timetable for compliance monitoring;
- 2 (7) Ensure that appropriations or funds for identified
- 3 state programs and services are transferred as
- 4 necessary to the identified agency or division;
- 5 (8) Ensure that all federal and state funds are fully
- 6 allocated in the course of the transfer of funds;
- 7 (9) Resolve any other issues relating to the transfer of
- 8 functions and funding to ensure the timely and
- 9 efficient consolidation of responsibility of state
- 10 long-term care programs and services under a single
- 11 executive department; and
- 12 (10) If a consolidation is determined to be advantageous
- 13 and feasible, recommend a single agency or one
- 14 division within a larger department to best house all
- 15 identified long-term care programs and services.
- 16 (f) The deputy healthcare transformation coordinator shall
- 17 submit a report of the activities of the task force, including
- 18 recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the
- 19 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 20 the 2013 regular session. The legislative reference bureau
- 21 shall assist the task force in drafting legislation to implement



1 the task force's recommendations. The task force shall be
2 dissolved on June 30, 2013.

3 SECTION 3. (a) There is established within the office of
4 the long-term care ombudsman of the executive office on aging of
5 the department of health a deputy healthcare transformation
6 coordinator to coordinate all state activities on long-term care
7 relating to financing, access, service delivery, and quality
8 assurance. The deputy healthcare transformation coordinator for
9 long-term care shall:

- 10 (1) Be selected by the director of the executive office on
11 aging and the long-term care ombudsman;
- 12 (2) Be under the authority of the long-term care
13 ombudsman;
- 14 (3) Convene a council of agencies responsible for long-
15 term care to develop policies and programs on quality
16 of care, workforce, public education, and other long-
17 term care issues;
- 18 (4) Coordinate the establishment and responsibilities of
19 the long-term care task force pursuant to this Act;
- 20 (5) Work with the healthcare transformation coordinator
21 within the office of the governor on all issues
22 relating to long-term care; and



1 (6) Annually report to the legislature on the state of the
 2 long-term care system in Hawaii no later than twenty
 3 days prior to the convening of each regular session.

4 (b) The position of the deputy healthcare transformation
 5 coordinator shall terminate when management over all long-term
 6 care services is consolidated within a single executive
 7 department.

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for
 11 the establishment of the long-term care task force and the
 12 position of the deputy healthcare transformation coordinator.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 14 health for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Description:

Establishes and directs a task force to coordinate and consolidate state long-term care programs and services. Establishes the position of deputy healthcare transformation coordinator. Appropriates funds.

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