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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 quality affordable health care as well as information
5 that will help consumers to make informed decisions regarding
6 health care.

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

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



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

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

6 "(g) The connector shall make qualified plans [~~and~~],
7 qualified dental plans, and the basic health plan as defined in
8 the Patient and Protection Affordable Care Act of 2010 (P.L.
9 111-148) available to qualified individuals and qualified
10 employers beginning with effective dates on or before January 1,
11 2014."

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

14 "(b) The membership of the board shall reflect geographic
15 statewide diversity, including representation from all islands,
16 and the diverse interests of stakeholders including consumers,
17 employers, [~~insurers,~~] and [~~dental-benefit~~] providers. The
18 director of commerce and consumer affairs or the director's
19 designee, the director of health or the director's designee, the
20 director of human services or the director's designee, and the
21 director of labor and industrial relations or the director's
22 designee shall be ex-officio, voting members of the board."



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1 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Health Insurance Exchange; Composition of Board; Basic Health Plan

Description:

Defines the consumer in the health insurance exchange board. Clarifies that the health insurance exchange board shall have geographic diversity consisting of representation from all islands. Removes health plans from the board. Requires the health insurance exchange to offer a basic health plan.

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