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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOME CARE.

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

- SECTION 1. During the 2009 special session, the 1 legislature adopted Act 21, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009 2 3 (Act 21), to protect consumers of home care services by 4 requiring home care agencies to be licensed by the department of health until June 30, 2014. Since the enactment of Act 21, the 5 department has collaborated with home care agencies, consumer 6 advocates, and other stakeholders to draft the administrative 7 8 rules needed to implement licensing. Those draft rules are in the last stage of the approval process. 9 The legislature finds that the licensing fees charged to 10 home care agencies will cover the administrative costs 11 12 associated with licensing, however, initial funding is needed to start the licensing process so that fees can be collected. 13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for 14 staffing and other costs associated with the licensing of home 15 16 care agencies.
- 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 2012-0376 SB SMA.doc

There is appropriated out of the general



SECTION 2.

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- much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for 1
- 2 staffing and other costs associated with the licensing of home
- 3 care agencies.

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- 4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 5 health for the purposes of this Act.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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S.B. NO. 2099

Report Title:

Home Care Agencies; Appropriation; Licensing

Description:

Appropriates funds for staffing and other costs associated with the licensing of home care agencies by the department of health.

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