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# 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. The stakeholders contend  
4 that there is no real long-term care system, every component is  
5 designed for a different purpose, and the components do not work  
6 together.

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

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



1 of the governor, and appropriate funds to support the position  
2 of the deputy healthcare transformation coordinator.

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

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

15 (1) The deputy healthcare transformation coordinator  
16 established pursuant to this Act;

17 (2) One representative from the med-QUEST division of the  
18 department of human services;

19 (3) One member from the aging and disability resource  
20 center program;

21 (4) One member of the home- and community-based services  
22 community;



- 1 (5) One member of the nursing home community;
- 2 (6) One member of the acute care hospitals community; and
- 3 (7) Additional task force members selected by the task
- 4 force chair.

5 (c) In carrying out its duties under this section, the  
6 task force may request staff assistance from the department of  
7 health, the department of human services, and other appropriate  
8 state and county executive agencies.

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

12 (e) The task force shall:

13 (1) Identify state programs and services related to long-  
14 term care;

15 (2) Conduct a comprehensive review of the programs and  
16 services identified under paragraph (1) to determine  
17 the advantages, disadvantages, and feasibility of  
18 consolidating the programs and services under a single  
19 department or one division within a larger department;

20 (3) Determine whether programs and services for people  
21 with intellectual and developmental disabilities and  
22 mental health programs should be included;



- 1 (4) Identify the most appropriate single executive  
2 department or division within an executive department  
3 to house long-term care programs and services;
- 4 (5) Formulate a timetable for the transfer of functions;
- 5 (6) Provide a timetable for compliance monitoring;
- 6 (7) Ensure that appropriations or funds for identified  
7 state programs and services are transferred as  
8 necessary to the identified executive department or  
9 division;
- 10 (8) Ensure that all federal and state funds are fully  
11 allocated in the course of the transfer of funds;
- 12 (9) Resolve any other issues relating to the transfer of  
13 functions and funding to ensure the timely and  
14 efficient consolidation of responsibility of state  
15 long-term care programs and services under a single  
16 executive department or division; and
- 17 (10) If a consolidation is determined to be advantageous  
18 and feasible, recommend a single executive department  
19 or division within a single department to best house  
20 all identified long-term care programs and services.
- 21 (f) The deputy healthcare transformation coordinator shall  
22 submit a report of the activities of the task force, including



1 recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the  
2 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
3 the 2014 regular session. The legislative reference bureau  
4 shall assist the task force in drafting legislation to implement  
5 the task force's recommendations; provided that the task force  
6 shall submit its recommendations and proposed legislation, if  
7 any, to the bureau no later than November 1, 2013. The task  
8 force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2014.

9 SECTION 3. (a) There is established within the office of  
10 the governor a deputy healthcare transformation coordinator for  
11 long-term care to coordinate all state activities on long-term  
12 care relating to financing, access, service delivery, and  
13 quality assurance. The deputy healthcare transformation  
14 coordinator for long-term care shall:

- 15 (1) Be nominated by the healthcare transformation  
16 coordinator in consultation with the director of  
17 health, the director of human services, the long-term  
18 care commission, and other stakeholders, and be  
19 appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-  
20 34;
- 21 (2) Be under the authority of the healthcare  
22 transformation coordinator;



- 1           (3) Convene a council of agencies responsible for long-  
2           term care to develop policies and programs on quality  
3           of care, workforce, public education, and other long-  
4           term care issues;
- 5           (4) Coordinate the establishment and responsibilities of  
6           the long-term care task force pursuant to this Act;
- 7           (5) Work with the directors of the department of health,  
8           the department of human services, and the executive  
9           office on aging, and stakeholders on all issues  
10          relating to long-term care; and
- 11          (6) Annually report to the legislature on the state of the  
12          long-term care system in Hawaii no later than twenty  
13          days prior to the convening of each regular session.
- 14          (b) The position of the deputy healthcare transformation  
15          coordinator shall terminate when management over all long-term  
16          care services is consolidated under a single executive  
17          department or division.

18           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
19          revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
20          much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 to  
21          establish the position of the deputy healthcare transformation  
22          coordinator.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
2 governor for the purposes of this Act.

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



**Report Title:**

Kupuna Caucus; Task Force; Deputy Healthcare Transformation Coordinator; Appropriation; Long-term Care Commission

**Description:**

Establishes and directs a long-term care task force to coordinate and consolidate state long-term care programs and services. Establishes the position of deputy healthcare transformation coordinator. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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