
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:

9 (1) State government should assert stronger leadership
10 over the entire long-term care population, including
11 those not eligible for public programs;

12 (2) The successes or failures of long-term care can
13 contribute to or detract from the success of the other
14 programs; and

15 (3) Hawaii's laws are silent on the subject of leadership
16 over long-term care.

17 The purpose of this Act is to establish a long-term care
18 task force, establish the position of deputy healthcare



1 transformation coordinator for long-term care within the office
2 of the governor, and appropriate funds to support the position
3 of the deputy healthcare transformation coordinator.

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

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

16 (1) The deputy healthcare transformation coordinator
17 established pursuant to this Act, who shall serve as
18 chairperson;

19 (2) One representative from the med-QUEST division of the
20 department of human services to be selected by the
21 director of human services;



1 (3) One member from the Aging and Disability Resource
2 Center program, who shall be requested to serve as a
3 representative;

4 (4) One member of the home- and community-based services
5 community, who shall be requested to serve as a
6 representative;

7 (5) One member of the nursing home community, who shall be
8 requested to serve as a representative;

9 (6) One member of the acute care hospitals community, who
10 shall be requested to serve as a representative; and

11 (7) Additional task force members selected by the task
12 force chairperson.

13 (c) In carrying out its duties, the task force may request
14 staff assistance from the department of health, the department
15 of human services, and other appropriate state and county
16 executive agencies.

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

20 (e) The task force shall:

21 (1) Identify state programs and services related to long-
22 term care;



- 1 (2) Conduct a comprehensive review of the programs and
2 services identified under paragraph (1) to determine
3 the advantages, disadvantages, and feasibility of
4 consolidating the programs and services under a single
5 department or one division within a larger department;
- 6 (3) Determine whether programs and services for people
7 with intellectual and developmental disabilities and
8 mental health programs should be included;
- 9 (4) Identify the most appropriate single executive
10 department or division within an executive department
11 to house long-term care programs and services;
- 12 (5) Formulate a timetable for the transfer of functions;
- 13 (6) Provide a timetable for compliance monitoring;
- 14 (7) Ensure that appropriations or funds for identified
15 state programs and services are transferred as
16 necessary to the identified executive department or
17 division;
- 18 (8) Ensure that all federal and state funds are fully
19 allocated in the course of the transfer of funds;
- 20 (9) Resolve any other issues relating to the transfer of
21 functions and funding to ensure the timely and
22 efficient consolidation of responsibility of state



1 long-term care programs and services under a single
2 executive department or division; and

3 (10) If a consolidation is determined to be advantageous
4 and feasible, recommend a single executive department
5 or division within a single department to best house
6 all identified long-term care programs and services.

7 (f) The deputy healthcare transformation coordinator shall
8 submit a report of the activities of the task force, including
9 recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the 2014 regular session. The legislative reference bureau
12 shall assist the task force in drafting legislation to implement
13 the task force's recommendations; provided that the task force
14 shall submit its recommendations and proposed legislation, if
15 any, to the bureau no later than November 1, 2013. The task
16 force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2014.

17 SECTION 3. (a) There is established within the office of
18 the governor a deputy healthcare transformation coordinator for
19 long-term care to coordinate all state activities on long-term
20 care relating to financing, access, service delivery, and
21 quality assurance. The deputy healthcare transformation
22 coordinator for long-term care shall:



- 1 (1) Be nominated by the healthcare transformation
2 coordinator in consultation with the director of
3 health, the director of human services, and other
4 stakeholders, and be appointed by the governor as
5 provided in section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- 6 (2) Be under the authority of the healthcare
7 transformation coordinator;
- 8 (3) Convene a council of agencies responsible for long-
9 term care to develop policies and programs on quality
10 of care, workforce, public education, and other long-
11 term care issues;
- 12 (4) Coordinate the establishment and responsibilities of
13 the long-term care task force pursuant to this Act;
- 14 (5) Work with the directors of health, human services, and
15 the executive office on aging, and stakeholders on all
16 issues relating to long-term care; and
- 17 (6) Annually report to the legislature on the state of the
18 long-term care system in Hawaii no later than twenty
19 days prior to the convening of each regular session.
- 20 (b) The position of the deputy healthcare transformation
21 coordinator shall be exempt from chapter 76 and 89, Hawaii
22 Revised Statutes, and shall terminate when management over all



1 long-term care services is consolidated under a single executive
2 department or division.

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

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

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



Report Title:

Kupuna Caucus; Task Force; Deputy Healthcare Transformation
Coordinator; Appropriation

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. (SD2)

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