
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATIVE UNIFORMITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii
2 provides or pays for health insurance for nearly forty per cent
3 of the population, and, therefore, is directly impacted by the
4 escalating cost of health care services.

5 The legislature also finds that increases in premiums for
6 health insurance coverage affect subscribers for such coverage,
7 existing and new businesses, and the overall economy of the
8 State.

9 The legislature further finds that the health care industry
10 is undergoing a dramatic transformation, and that, in order to
11 effectively harness new or improved approaches, concepts, and
12 initiatives that have the potential to have a positive impact on
13 the cost and quality of health care, the State must spearhead a
14 statewide health care transformation, and strive to continuously
15 improve the health care system.

16 The purpose of this Act is to establish within the office
17 of the governor a temporary program specially targeted to
18 initiate this transformation.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established and temporarily
2 placed within the office of the governor the health care
3 transformation program, which shall terminate on July 1, 2015.
4 The principal mission of the program is to identify the issues
5 that need to be addressed to achieve statewide healthcare
6 transformation, and develop a strategy, framework, and timeline,
7 as well as proposed legislation and rules, directed at the
8 transformation, and to thereby improve the quality and cost-
9 effectiveness of the health care delivery system, and ensure
10 that Hawaii residents and visitors have access to high-quality
11 and cost effective health care. The governor shall consider a
12 broad range of initiatives, issues, and strategies, including:

13 (1) Standards, measures, and goals to evaluate the quality
14 and cost-effectiveness of health care services;

15 (2) Fair and efficient payment models for health care
16 services;

17 (3) Streamlined authorization procedures for health care
18 services;

19 (4) Improvement and expansion of the use of information
20 technologies to organize, store, safeguard, exchange,
21 and report clinical, cost, educational, technical,



1 administrative, regulatory, and other health care-
2 related data;

3 (5) Improvement and promotion of the establishment and use
4 of cost-effective preferred drug lists; and

5 (6) Any other issue, solution, or initiative necessary or
6 appropriate to further the principal mission of the
7 program.

8 (b) To facilitate the development of the strategy,
9 framework, and timeline, as well as legislation and rules
10 pursuant to subsection (a), the governor may obtain information
11 by informally consulting, individually or as a group, with any
12 stakeholder or subject-matter expert selected by the program.
13 The governor may informally collaborate, individually or as a
14 group, with any stakeholder or subject matter expert, to enable
15 the program to plan and develop proposed strategies, including
16 proposed legislation and rules.

17 SECTION 3. The governor shall submit a progress report
18 containing the status of the health care transformation program,
19 including their findings and recommendations to the legislature
20 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
21 session of 2014.

22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



Report Title:

Health Care; Health Care Transformation Program

Description:

Establishes the health care transformation program within the office of the Governor. Requires a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB656 HD2)

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