
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 "CHAPTER

5 HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY

6 § -1 Hawaii health authority; establishment. (a) There
7 is established within the department of health for
8 administrative purposes the Hawaii health authority. The
9 authority shall be an autonomous public body corporate and
10 politic and an instrumentality of the State.

11 (b) The authority shall be composed of nine members
12 appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34; provided
13 that:

14 (1) Two members shall represent the health care industry;

15 (2) Two members shall be practicing physicians;

16 (3) Two members shall represent public health
17 professionals; and

18 (4) Three members shall represent the community at large.



1 Each member shall be appointed for a term of four years and
2 shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed.

3 (c) The authority shall elect a chairperson from among its
4 members. Five members shall constitute a quorum, whose
5 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all valid actions by the
6 authority.

7 (d) The members shall serve without compensation but may
8 be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, incurred
9 in the performance of their duties.

10 (e) The authority may appoint and set the salary of an
11 executive director who shall be exempt from chapters 76, 78, and
12 89.

13 § -2 **Hawaii health authority; duties and**

14 **responsibilities.** (a) The authority shall be responsible for
15 overall health planning for the State and shall provide guidance
16 to the governor and the director of health.

17 (b) The authority shall develop a comprehensive health
18 plan to include:

19 (1) Current and long-term capacity needs of health
20 providers, facilities, equipment, and support services
21 providers;



- 1 (2) Recommendations for the ongoing operations of the
- 2 Hawaii Health Connector;
- 3 (3) Initiatives to increase the number of primary care
- 4 physicians in Hawaii, including loan repayment
- 5 programs to maximize federal support;
- 6 (4) Recommendations regarding patient-centered medical
- 7 homes; and
- 8 (5) Other health-related recommendations and initiatives,
- 9 as appropriate.
- 10 (c) The authority may seek waivers of federal laws, rules,
- 11 or regulations necessary to implement and maintain the
- 12 provisions of this chapter.
- 13 (d) The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
- 14 necessary for the purposes of this chapter.
- 15 (e) The authority shall submit a comprehensive health
- 16 plan, including findings, recommendations, budget requirements,
- 17 and proposed implementing legislation, to the governor, the
- 18 director of health, and the legislature no later than twenty
- 19 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2015, and
- 20 annual updates to the plan beginning in 2016."

21 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



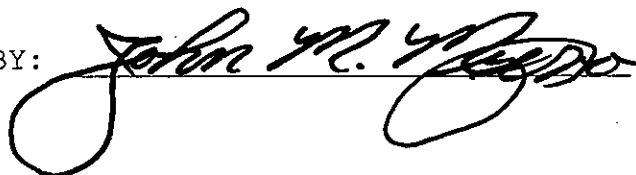
1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
2 Hawaii health authority, including personnel costs, contracts
3 for services, and other expenses of the authority.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
5 of health for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
7 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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H.B. NO. 1531

Report Title:

Hawaii Health Authority; Establishment; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a nine-member Hawaii health authority within the DOH establishes responsibilities and duties of the authority; requires annual reports; appropriates funds for the expenses of the authority.

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