

H.B. NO. 914

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OBESITY PREVENTION.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
4 and to read as follows:

5 "§321- Hawaii interagency obesity prevention council,
6 established. (a) There is established within the department of
7 health for administrative purposes, the Hawaii interagency
8 obesity prevention council, which shall be an advisory board
9 exempt from section 26-34.

10 (b) The Hawaii interagency obesity prevention council
11 shall be responsible for:

12 (1) Formulating and advising the governor on the
13 implementation of a unified ten-year statewide plan to
14 address child and adult obesity in Hawaii;

15 (2) Promoting collaboration among public agencies and
16 private stakeholders to lower obesity rates in the
17 State;

1 (3) Monitoring the progress of the state obesity
2 prevention strategic plan; and

3 (4) Providing recommendations to state agencies, the
4 legislature, and the private sector on improving the
5 quality, availability, and coordination of obesity
6 prevention policies and activities.

7 (5) Developing specific strategies to address social
8 determinants of health as they relate to obesity
9 prevention; and

10 (6) Activating, coordinating, and maintaining responsive
11 action among the public, business, and educational
12 communities to become part of an obesity prevention
13 strategy.

14 (c) The state obesity prevention strategic plan shall be
15 in writing and shall be a public document.

16 (d) The council shall consist of at least the following
17 members or the member's designee:

18 (1) The director of health who shall serve as chair;

19 (2) The director of human services;

20 (3) The superintendent of education;

21 (4) A representative from the University of Hawaii's John
22 A. Burns school of medicine;

1 cardiovascular disease, promotion of healthy lifestyles,
2 physical fitness, nutrition, early childhood health, and other
3 prevention oriented public health programs.

4 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
5 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
8 on July 1, 2013.

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10 INTRODUCED BY: _____

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11 BY REQUEST

12 JAN 22 2013

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Report Title:

Interagency obesity council; appropriation for anti-obesity programs

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Interagency Obesity Prevention Council; Appropriates funds from the Children's Health Promotion fund for programs related to obesity prevention and related chronic diseases.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OBESITY PREVENTION.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to establish an interagency council to coordinate state government strategies and activities to prevent obesity; and to appropriate funds for childhood obesity prevention programs.

MEANS: Add a new section to chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: In Hawaii, childhood obesity has increased by 38 percent from 1999 to 2009. As a result of the increased risks related to obesity, this generation of children may be the first generation not to outlive their parents due to unhealthy lifestyles. Obesity-related medical expenditures in Hawaii were calculated to be over \$323,000,000 in 2009, and are continuing to rise.

State government should lead by example by examining, prioritizing, and addressing causes of obesity through policy, procurement, and program development across agencies.

Impact on the public: Increased awareness and education about obesity prevention.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Required participation on the council.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: Obesity Prevention special fund.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH-590.

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OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES:

Department of Human Services; Department of
Education, University of Hawaii.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

July 1, 2013.