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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is the ultimate
2 goal of good medicine to improve a patient's health by reducing
3 the amount of medication needed by that patient. However, the
4 current status quo may focus on a system of disease care, rather
5 than health care. The legislature further finds that if the
6 State's population was healthier, less money would need to be
7 spent on medication and expensive procedures to treat the
8 complications of chronic disease. One way to accomplish this is
9 to emphasize healthier lifestyle choices and overall health
10 through prevention. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to
11 establish a public-private health insurer partnership to promote
12 a holistic approach to preventive health care.

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

16 "§321- Public-private partnership. (a) There is
17 established within the department of health for administrative



1 purposes only a public-private partnership to promote a holistic
2 approach to preventive health care.

3 (b) The public-private partnership shall:

4 (1) Work to promote overall wellness in the State; and

5 (2) Support and create incentives for health care
6 providers to promote preventive health care to their
7 patients through good nutrition, exercise, and healthy
8 living.

9 (c) The public-private partnership shall invite
10 participation from stakeholders with a background in:

11 (1) Health insurance;

12 (2) Health care, including physicians, nurses, dentists,
13 physical therapists and occupational therapists;

14 (3) Nutrition;

15 (4) Fitness; and

16 (5) Native Hawaiian cultural practices.

17 (d) The public-private partnership shall be mutually
18 beneficial to stakeholders and consumers and shall be based upon
19 the following goals:

20 (1) Increased investment in education, nutrition, and
21 active living to promote long-term wellness and
22 healthy living; and



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Report Title:

Health; Wellness; Public-Private Health Partnership; Department of Health

Description:

Establishes a public-private partnership within the department of health to promote a holistic approach to preventive health care.

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