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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEATH CERTIFICATES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the sharing of  
2 information regarding a deceased resident of Hawaii is a  
3 challenge for government agencies that provide payments,  
4 programs, and services. The legislature also finds that moneys  
5 are distributed to deceased individuals and the recovery of  
6 those moneys is a daunting task, subject to hours of labor.

7           The purpose of this Act is to establish a working group to  
8 develop a reporting system under which government agencies that  
9 make automatic payments to a recipient are timely notified of  
10 the recipient's death.

11           SECTION 2. (a) There is established the death  
12 certificates working group, which shall develop a reporting  
13 system under which government agencies that make automatic  
14 payments to a recipient are timely notified of the recipient's  
15 death. Payments shall include payments from programs and  
16 services such as medicaid, the employees' retirement system, and  
17 other post-employment benefits.



1           (b) The working group shall be composed of the following  
2 members or their designees:

3           (1) The director of finance, who shall serve as the  
4           chairperson of the working group;

5           (2) The executive director of the employees' retirement  
6           system;

7           (3) The director of health;

8           (4) The director of human services;

9           (5) The director of taxation;

10          (6) The chief election officer;

11          (7) The chief justice of the supreme court; and

12          (8) The chief medical examiner or coroner for each of the  
13          four counties.

14          The director of finance shall also invite the Honolulu and  
15          the Kapolei district managers for the Social Security  
16          Administration to be two additional members of the working  
17          group.

18          (c) The working group shall be administratively placed in  
19          the department of budget and finance. The director of finance  
20          shall initiate the organization of and provide staff support for  
21          the working group.



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1 (d) Members of the working group shall serve without  
 2 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
 3 incurred during the performance of their duties.

4 (e) The working group shall submit a report of its  
 5 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
 6 legislation, to the legislature and governor not later than  
 7 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
 8 2016.

9 (f) The working group shall cease to exist upon the  
 10 adjournment sine die of the regular session of 2016.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Death Certificates; Working Group

**Description:**

Establishes a working group in the DB&F to develop a reporting system to facilitate the termination of automatic payments from government payors to a recipient upon the death of the recipient.

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