

JAN 22 2016

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REPORTING DEATHS TO STATE AGENCIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 27, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, is amended
2 as follows:

3 1. By amending section 2 to read:

4 "SECTION 2. Chapter 338, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§338- Deaths reported to state agencies. (a)
8 Notwithstanding section 338-18, the department of health, within
9 six weeks after the end of each quarter or other agreed upon
10 period, shall deliver to a state agency a list of the names of
11 all persons whose deaths have been recorded by the department
12 during that period; provided that this section shall only apply
13 to a state agency that:

14 (1) Maintains official lists of persons in the ordinary
15 course of the agency's activities and is prohibited by
16 federal law from sharing information from the lists;
17 and



1 (2) Has requested the information from the department
2 pursuant to a written agreement.

3 The list shall set forth the full name of the decedent and the
4 dates of the decedent's birth and death, if known. The
5 department and the requesting agency shall determine by
6 agreement the form and format of providing the information to
7 the agency.

8 (b) In response to an agency's first request pursuant to
9 subsection (a), the department of health may provide a list of
10 the persons whose deaths were recorded by the department during
11 an agreed upon period in the past. The department may charge a
12 reasonable fee to cover its cost of providing the list. If a
13 state agency requires further information, the department may
14 provide a certified copy of the death certificate to that state
15 agency, subject to the fees required under section 338-14.5.

16 (c) Any state agency that obtains, pursuant to this
17 section, a list of the names of persons whose deaths have been
18 recorded by the department of health shall use the list only for
19 the purposes for which it was obtained and shall not further
20 disclose any information on the list.



1 (d) The department of health may develop and implement or
 2 assist with the development and implementation of a systems
 3 interface to electronically provide the information required
 4 pursuant to subsection (a) to a state agency.

5 (e) For purposes of this section, a state agency shall
 6 include the employees' retirement system."

7 2. By amending section 4 to read:

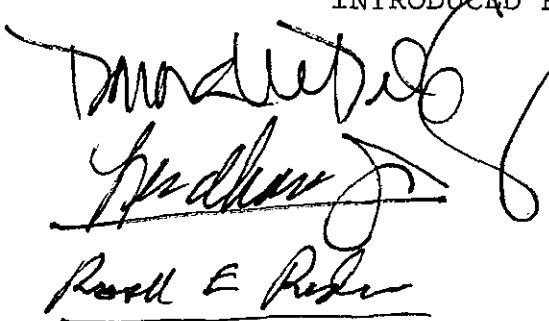
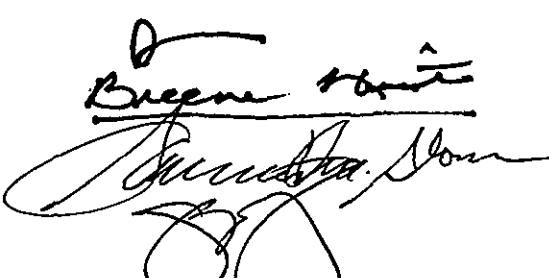
8 "SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
 9 [~~and shall be repealed on July 1, 2016~~]."

10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 2016.

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Report Title:

Department of Health; Employees' Retirement System; Death Records

Description:

Makes permanent the authority of the department of health to report recent deaths recorded by the department to state agencies, subject to certain conditions. Clarifies that the department of health may notify the employees' retirement system of the names of recently deceased individuals.

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