

JAN 25 2017

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii health authority was established in
2 2009 as an autonomous body responsible for the overall health
3 planning for the State and for determining the future capacity
4 needs for health providers, facilities, equipment, and support
5 services providers. However, the legislature finds that the
6 authority has been dormant since late 2014, and needs to be
7 reinvigorated and provided the necessary funding to carry out
8 its duties and responsibilities.

9 The purpose of this Act is to enable the Hawaii health
10 authority to fulfill its duties and responsibilities, which
11 include developing a comprehensive health plan for all
12 individuals in the State and submitting the plan to the
13 legislature, by:

14 (1) Appropriating funds to the authority for the hiring of
15 an executive director and other staff and expenses
16 necessary for the authority; and



1 (2) Requiring the authority to submit an updated
2 comprehensive health plan, including its findings and
3 recommendations, to the legislature.

4 SECTION 2. Section 322H-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "~~[†]~~ §322H-1~~[†]~~ Hawaii health authority; establishment.

7 (a) There is established within the department of budget and
8 finance for administrative purposes the Hawaii health authority.
9 The 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]~~ comprise nine
12 members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34;
13 provided that three members shall be appointed from a list of
14 nominees submitted by the speaker of the house of
15 representatives and three members shall be appointed from a list
16 of nominees submitted by the president of the senate. All
17 members shall be appointed for terms of four years each.

18 (c) ~~[One member shall be selected to be the executive~~
19 ~~director and confirmed by a majority vote of a quorum of the~~
20 ~~members of the Hawaii health authority.]~~ The authority shall
21 hire an executive director who shall be exempt from chapter 76



1 and other staff necessary to assist in the performance of the
2 authority's duties and responsibilities. The staff of the
3 authority shall be hired without regard to chapter 76; provided
4 that the executive director and staff shall be eligible for
5 participation in state employee benefit plans.

6 (d) Each member shall hold office until the member's
7 successor is appointed and qualified.

8 (e) Five members shall constitute a quorum, whose
9 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all valid actions by the
10 authority.

11 (f) The authority may incur expenses as it finds necessary
12 to perform its duties and responsibilities."

13 SECTION 3. Section 322H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

15 "(e) The authority shall submit a comprehensive health
16 plan for all individuals in the State, including its findings
17 and recommendations, to the legislature no later than twenty
18 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012. The
19 authority shall submit an updated comprehensive health plan to
20 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
21 of the regular session of 2018."



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1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
 4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 5 2018-2019 for the hiring of an executive director and other
 6 staff and expenses necessary for the Hawaii health authority to
 7 carry out its duties and responsibilities.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 9 of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
 13 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Health Authority; Hiring of Employees; Comprehensive Health Plan; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) to submit an updated comprehensive health plan to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the hiring of an executive director and other staff and other expenses necessary for HHA to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

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