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**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 Legislature finds that the Hawaii health  
2 authority was established by Act 11, Special Session Laws of  
3 Hawaii 2009, to be responsible for overall health planning for  
4 the State and to develop a comprehensive plan to provide  
5 universal health care in Hawaii.

6           However, the state health planning and development agency  
7 and the health care innovation office also conduct comprehensive  
8 health planning activities. The state health planning and  
9 development agency in particular, in contrast to the Hawaii  
10 health authority, has full-time staff and a budget.

11           Furthermore, the private healthcare sector continues to  
12 evolve rapidly in response to federal policy changes, new  
13 business models, and new technologies.

14           The Hawaii health authority, therefore, having duly and  
15 thoughtfully advanced Hawaii's health policy debate through the  
16 performance of its duties, may be abolished as part of the  
17 effort to streamline health planning and policy management.

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1 SECTION 2. Chapter 322H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 repealed.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:                     *M. D. M.*                    

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BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Health Authority; Repeal.

**Description:**

Abolishes the Hawaii Health Authority.

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## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY.

PURPOSE: To abolish the Hawaii Health Authority.

MEANS: Repeal chapter 322H, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Hawaii Health Authority ("Authority") was established by Act 11, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, to be responsible for overall health planning for the State and to develop a comprehensive plan to provide universal health care in Hawaii.

However, the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) and the Health Care Innovation Office also conduct comprehensive health planning activities. SHPDA in particular, in contrast to the Authority, has full-time staff and a budget.

Furthermore, the private healthcare sector continues to evolve rapidly in response to federal policy changes, new business models, and new technologies.

The Authority, therefore, having duly and thoughtfully advanced Hawaii's health policy debate through the performance of its duties, may be abolished as part of the effort to streamline health planning and policy management.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS:                   None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION:

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES:                   Department of Budget and Finance.

EFFECTIVE DATE:            Upon approval.