
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 service 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 Hawaii health authority for
15 the hiring of an executive director and other staff
16 and expenses necessary for the authority;



- 1 (2) Requiring the Hawaii health authority to submit an
- 2 updated comprehensive health plan, including its
- 3 findings and recommendations, to the legislature; and
- 4 (3) Requiring the auditor to conduct a study to determine
- 5 the feasibility of continuing the Hawaii health
- 6 authority and submit a report to the legislature.

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

9 "[+]§322H-1[+] **Hawaii health authority; establishment.**

10 (a) There is established within the department of budget and
 11 finance for administrative purposes the Hawaii health authority.
 12 The authority shall be an autonomous public body corporate and
 13 politic and an instrumentality of the State.

14 (b) The authority shall [~~be composed~~] comprise [~~of nine~~
 15 ~~members~~] thirteen members appointed by the governor, senate
 16 president, and speaker of the house as provided in section 26-
 17 34; provided that three members shall be appointed from a list
 18 of nominees submitted by the speaker of the house of
 19 representatives and three members shall be appointed from a list
 20 of nominees submitted by the president of the senate. All
 21 members shall be appointed for terms of four years each.



1 (c) ~~[One member shall be selected to be the executive~~
2 ~~director and confirmed by a majority vote of a quorum of the~~
3 ~~members of the Hawaii health authority.]~~ The authority shall
4 hire an executive director who shall be exempt from chapter 76
5 and other staff necessary to assist in the performance of the
6 authority's duties and responsibilities. The staff of the
7 authority shall be hired without regard to chapter 76; provided
8 that the executive director and staff shall be eligible for
9 participation in state employee benefit plans.

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

12 (e) ~~[Five]~~ Seven members shall constitute a quorum, whose
13 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all valid actions by the
14 authority.

15 (f) The authority may incur expenses as it finds necessary
16 to perform its duties and responsibilities. The authority shall
17 submit a yearly report accounting for its spending to the
18 director of finance and the legislature no later than twenty
19 days prior to the convening of each regular session."

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



1 "(e) The authority shall submit a comprehensive health
 2 plan for all individuals in the State, including its findings
 3 and recommendations, to the legislature no later than twenty
 4 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012. The
 5 authority shall submit an updated comprehensive health plan to
 6 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
 7 of the regular session of 2020."

8 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
 11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
 12 2020-2021 for the hiring of an executive director and other
 13 staff expenses necessary for the Hawaii health authority to
 14 carry out its duties and responsibilities.

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

17 SECTION 5. The state auditor shall conduct a study to
 18 determine the feasibility of continuing the Hawaii health
 19 authority and shall submit a report, including its findings and
 20 recommendations, to the legislature twenty days prior to the
 21 convening of the regular session on 2020.



1 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii Health Authority; Hiring; Comprehensive Health Plan;
Appropriation

Description:

Changes the composition of the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) from 9 to 13 to reflect Hawaii's diversity and requires the 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. Requires the State Auditor to conduct a feasibility study of HHA. (HB586 HD1)

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