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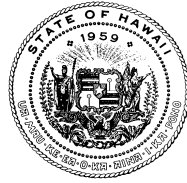
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1366  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUDGET.**

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Hearing Date: February 14, 2019

Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Sufficient appropriations are required to assure optimal public health, and  
2 in particular for addressing community mental health issues, and environmental management.  
3 The Executive Biennium Budget (FB 19-21) for the Department of Health provides for 38.2 new  
4 general funded FTE and \$13.6 M in additional general funded resources in FY20; and 168.2  
5 general funded FTE and \$20M in additional general funded resources in FY21. As part of our  
6 special fund request, the department is requesting 14 new special funded FE and an increase in  
7 special fund ceiling of \$1.5M in FY20 and FY21 for improved food safety. Departmental  
8 requests and prioritization are based on the Department’s core public health strategies.

9 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the Governor’s Executive Budget  
10 Request, as follows:

Fiscal Year 2020				
Act 53/18 Appropriation	Reductions	Additions	Total FY20	MOF
\$ 490,367,659.00	\$ (7,207,300.00)	\$ 24,251,995.00	\$ 507,412,354.00	A
\$ 203,699,060.00		\$ 1,484,483.00	\$ 205,183,543.00	B
\$ 87,478,064.00		\$ 41,949,009.00	\$ 129,427,073.00	N
\$ 53,891,894.00	\$ (4,045,915.00)	\$ 19,012,081.00	\$ 68,858,060.00	P
\$ 4,417,031.00		\$ 608,395.00	\$ 5,025,426.00	U
\$ 211,594,712.00		\$ 370,533.00	\$ 211,965,245.00	W
\$ 1,051,448,420.00	\$ (11,253,215.00)	\$ 87,676,496.00	\$ 1,127,871,701.00	Total

Fiscal Year 2021				
Act 53/18 Appropriation	Reductions	Additions	Total FY21	MOF
\$ 490,367,659.00	\$ (7,207,300.00)	\$ 31,070,088.00	\$ 514,230,447.00	A
\$ 203,699,060.00		\$ 2,765,344.00	\$ 206,464,404.00	B
\$ 87,478,064.00	\$ (5,552,632.00)		\$ 81,925,432.00	N
\$ 53,891,894.00	\$ (4,993,161.00)		\$ 48,898,733.00	P
\$ 4,417,031.00		\$ 612,173.00	\$ 5,029,204.00	U
\$ 211,594,712.00		\$ 370,533.00	\$ 211,965,245.00	W
\$ 1,051,448,420.00	\$ (17,753,093.00)	\$ 34,818,138.00	\$ 1,068,513,465.00	Total

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2 Please see Attachment A which is a copy of Tables 3 and 15 of the briefing materials as a  
 3 summary of the Department of Health’s requested budget appropriations broken down by  
 4 Program ID.

5 New Budget Requests for HTH 840

6 Environmental Management Division - Positions and funding for enforcement of non-point  
 7 source water pollution regulations

- 8 • The six positions will begin implementing Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §342E,  
 9 Nonpoint Source Pollution Management and Control. HRS §342E was passed in 1993  
 10 and DOH has not implemented the law to date.
- 11 • DOH has not implemented HRS §180C-4, Erosion and Sediment Control, which was  
 12 passed in 1974.
- 13 • Under article XI, §1 of the Hawaii state constitution, DOH has a constitutional mandate  
 14 under the public trust doctrine to regulate nonpoint source pollution.
- 15 • The federal Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) §6217 require  
 16 DOH and the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) to  
 17 develop and implement a Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.

1 For purposes of providing a complete public record, in addition to environmental health-related  
2 budget requests, the department provides the following information on budget priorities even  
3 though they are not in the purview of the House Committee on Energy & Environmental  
4 Protection:

5 **Recurring Base Budget Appropriations**

6 Executive Office on Aging

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|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| 7 | • Kupuna Care (base)       | \$4,854,305 |
| 8 | • Kupuna Care              | \$3,877,063 |
| 9 | • Kupuna Caregiver Program | \$1,200,000 |

10 **New Appropriations Requests**

11 Environmental Health Administration

12 Sanitation Branch - Positions and funding for sanitarians and funds for improved food safety

- 13 • To enable the Sanitation Branch to maintain the current inspection frequency and  
14 workload to keep up with National Standards.
- 15 • Hawaii is a tourist destination and those visiting, as well as residents, expect that food  
16 being served in restaurants and other food service establishments is safe and wholesome.
- 17 • The promulgation and implementation of Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-50  
18 and placarding in July 2014 has dramatically reduced the risk of food-related illness.
- 19 • With the positions requested, we will be moving towards staffing levels that will reduce  
20 the occurrence of food illness risk by nearly 50%.

21 Health Resources Administration

22 Emergency Medical Services – Collective Bargaining Request

- 1       • The EMSIPSB FY 2020 and FY 2021 budget request included \$11,872,596 (FY 20) and  
2       \$15,040,191 (FY 21) for a mandatory union collective bargaining increase. This request  
3       was disapproved in B&F recommendations.

4   Emergency Medical Services – Recurring Other Expenses for services providers contracted to  
5   provide pre-hospital emergency medical service

- 6       • The EMSIPSB FY 2020 and FY 2021 budget request included \$2,381,815 (FY 20) and  
7       \$3,642,807 (FY 21) for other current expenses cost increases. This request was  
8       disapproved in B&F recommendations.
- 9       • The request includes, but is not limited to, costs for subcontracts, drugs/medication,  
10      insurance, rental of space, meals, uniforms, fuel, repair and maintenance, staff training,  
11      telecommunications service and equipment, utilities, indirect/administrative overhead,  
12      equipment, and motor vehicles.

13   Medical Cannabis

- 14      • As required by Act 159, SLH (2018), the Department is currently engaged in a re-  
15      organization process to integrate the Medical Cannabis Registry and the Medical  
16      Cannabis Dispensary Programs into the new Office of Medical Cannabis Control and  
17      Regulation to be managed directly under HTH595.

18   Family Health Services – Replace Funding for Family Planning Program (Title X)

- 19      • Proposed changes at the federal level restricts Hawaii’s comprehensive approach by  
20      limiting family planning services offered to women. This request will institutionalize the  
21      Hawaii Family Planning Program and solidify comprehensive family planning options for  
22      Hawaii’s men and women regardless of changes in the political environment.

23   General Administration

24   Office of Health Status Monitoring (OSHM) - Re-engineer the Vital Statistics System

- 1 • The Office of Health Status Monitoring (OHSM) is responsible for registering all vital  
2 events occurring in the State of Hawaii, which includes the registering and licensing of  
3 over 50,000 vital events and approximately 80,000 requests resulting in over 300,000  
4 certified copies annually.
- 5 • The Vital Statistics System (VSS) was developed over 20 years ago and is not  
6 supportable with today's technology and security features. The replacement of the VSS  
7 is to address security aspects of the system, improve customer service and efficiency to  
8 register and issue certified copies of Birth, Marriage and Death.

9 Office of Policy, Planning, and Program Development (OPPPD) - Add Funds for Telehealth  
10 Pilot Project

- 11 • Telehealth is one of three strategic priorities documented in DOH's strategic plan.
- 12 • This request is the third and last for the current DOH strategic planning cycle. The first  
13 pilot is in southwest Hawaii, was requested through the Governor's budget. The second  
14 is split between Wahiawa and (most likely) east Hawaii, and was a stand-alone bill  
15 offered by the WAM Chair. The third as appealed on this form, is to be statewide in part  
16 to fill pilot gaps in Maui and Kauai. DOH believes it is important to seed pilots in all  
17 counties in the interest of fairness and to learn from the unique circumstances of each  
18 county.

19 Behavioral Health Administration

20 Hawaii State Hospital Forensic Building – Positions and Funding

- 21 • A new forensic building is being constructed at Hawaii State Hospital and slated to open  
22 spring 2021.
- 23 • The opening of two additional units is projected to occur during Fiscal Year 2023. To  
24 ensure quality patient care, additional direct care staff are needed to run these additional  
25 units.

1 Developmental Disabilities Division – Increase State match for Medicaid Intellectual and  
2 Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Home and Community Based Services Waiver

- 3 • DDD requests an increase of \$7,702,000 in state funding (which will be used to match  
4 \$8,902,000 in federal funds) in fiscal year 2020 and an increase of \$5,814,000 in state  
5 funding (which will be used to match \$6,582,000 in federal funds) in fiscal year 2021.
- 6 • This funding will allow DDD to complete implementation of provider rate changes and  
7 other improvements to the I/DD Waiver program. Changes to provider payment rates and  
8 other waiver policies ensures that the State will be in continued compliance with federal  
9 requirements (with the federal government paying for more than half of the cost) and that  
10 State residents with I/DD have access to quality services.

11 Capital Improvement Projects

12 Hawaii State Hospital – Maintenance and Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FFE) for new  
13 forensic facility

- 14 • In FY20, \$1,920,000 is needed to replace chillers in Bldg Q. Assessment by consultant to  
15 determine the air handlers that must be replaced immediately throughout the rest of the  
16 campus.
- 17 • In FY20, \$6,525,000 is needed to purchase of furniture, fixtures and equipment for the  
18 new facility. FF&E must be provided prior to the opening of the new facility.
- 19 • In FY21, \$8,997,000 is needed for Hawaii State Hospital Anti-Ligature and Other  
20 Improvements.

21 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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