

HB

666

HD 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Hawaii
2 Comprehensive Healthcare Act."

3 SECTION 2. (a) There is established in for
4 administrative purposes only the Hawaii comprehensive healthcare
5 task force. The task force shall review the following four
6 healthcare issues:

7 (1) The adequacy of capitation rates for health insurance
8 plans;

9 (2) The unfunded liability of the Hawaii employer-union
10 health benefits trust fund;

11 (3) Health insurance policies and coverages for treatment
12 of mental health conditions; and

13 (4) Medical tourism.

14 (b) The membership of the Hawaii comprehensive healthcare
15 task force shall be as follows:

16 (1) The insurance commissioner or the commissioner's
17 designee;



- 1 (2) The director of finance or the director's designee;
2 (3) The director of health or the director's designee;
3 (4) The director of business, economic development, and
4 tourism, or the director's designee;
5 (5) The president and chief executive officer of the
6 Hawaii tourism authority or the president's designee;
7 and
8 (6) The administrator of the med-QUEST division of the
9 department of human services or the administrator's
10 designee.

11 Task force members may recommend to the task force
12 additional members with appropriate specialized expertise,
13 subject to approval by the chairperson. The or the
14 shall serve as chairperson.

15 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without
16 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
17 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
18 expenses.

19 (d) The Hawaii comprehensive healthcare task force shall
20 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
21 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than



1 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
2 2020.

3 (e) The shall provide administrative and clerical
4 support required by the task force.

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



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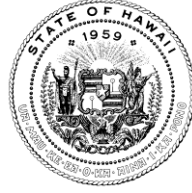
Health; Healthcare; Task Force;

Description:

Establishes a comprehensive healthcare task force to study and report on specified major issues relating to healthcare. (HB666 HD1)

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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 666, H.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH**

Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Colin Hayashida, and I am the Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Insurance Division. The Department offers comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to establish a comprehensive healthcare task force established for administrative purposes in a state agency to study and report on: (1) the adequacy of capitation rates for health insurance plans; (2) the unfunded liability of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund; (3) health insurance policies and coverages for treatment of mental health conditions; and (4) medical tourism. Task force members include: the Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee; the Director of Finance or the Director's designee; the Director of Health or the Director's designee; the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, or the Director's designee; the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority or the President's designee; and the Administrator of the Med-

QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services or the Administrator's designee. The task force is to submit a report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020.

This bill requires that task force members "shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel expenses." This measure, however, does not provide for funding for these purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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February 19, 2019

TO: The Honorable Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Finance

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 666 HD 1 – RELATING TO HEALTH**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 329, Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) agrees with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) testimony on this bill, offers comments, and requests clarification.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to establish the Hawaii comprehensive healthcare task force in DCCA. The task force shall review the following four healthcare issues:

- 1) The adequacy of capitation rates for health insurance plans;
- 2) The unfunded liability of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund;
- 3) Health insurance policies and coverages for treatment of mental health conditions; and
- 4) Medical tourism.

DHS agrees with the analysis of DCCA on this legislation.

The healthcare issues listed above are all worthy of stakeholder discussion. However, it would be more advantageous for the state to hold these discussions separately and not place them on the agenda for a single task force. First, the task force would likely be unable to generate meaningful findings and recommendations in the timeframe proposed in the bill

because the agenda is too expansive. The amount of material that would have to be reviewed and analyzed would be extensive.

Second, each one of these issues has a distinct group of stakeholders. Under the bill, task force members are able to recommend additional members with appropriate specialized expertise. The task force would have to take on many new members to bring in the right expertise. As task force membership gets larger, it would become more difficult to operate the task force efficiently. This would compound the challenge of generating findings and recommendations before the 2020 legislative session.

DHS as one of the named members of the taskforce, notes that we may not have expertise in all, or perhaps any of, the issues to be reviewed by the task force. DHS does not have expertise in medical tourism or the financial status of the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund.

DHS also does not have expertise in the issues related to health insurance insofar as those issues relate to the Insurance Article or activities covered under the Insurance Article. DHS does have expertise if the language surrounding “health insurance” is meant to include Medicaid coverage of mental health and/or the status of the QUEST Integration Medicaid managed care program. DHS requests clarification on whether the bill’s language surrounding “health insurance” is meant to encompass Medicaid coverage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



February 18, 2019

The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Re: HB 666 HD1 – Relating to Health

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 666, HD1, which establishes a comprehensive healthcare task force to study and report on specified major issues relating to healthcare.

HMSA would like to express concerns and provide comments on this measure. We are unsure of the intent of this measure and are concerned with the broad and difficult scope of the task force. The task force is charged with reviewing four important, distinct, and complicated issues in health care. We believe this could make the task force unwieldy and make it difficult to provide useful recommendations to the legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Sincerely,

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