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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISCHARGE PLANNING.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 323G-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) Each hospital shall adopt and maintain a written  
4 discharge policy or policies that include the following  
5 components:

6           (1) Each patient is provided an opportunity to designate a  
7 caregiver, to be included in the patient's electronic  
8 health record;

9           (2) Each patient and the patient's designated caregiver  
10 are given the opportunity to participate in the  
11 discharge planning;

12           (3) Each patient and the patient's designated caregiver  
13 are given the opportunity to receive instruction,  
14 prior to discharge, related to the patient's after-  
15 care needs[+], including information on hospice and  
16 palliative care if deemed relevant by the discharge  
17 plan; and



1 (4) Each patient's caregiver is notified of the patient's  
2 discharge or transfer. A hospital shall make  
3 reasonable attempts to notify the patient's caregiver  
4 of the patient's discharge to the patient's residence  
5 as soon as practicable. In the event that the  
6 hospital is unable to contact the designated  
7 caregiver, the lack of contact shall not interfere  
8 with, delay, or otherwise affect the medical care  
9 provided to the patient or an appropriate discharge of  
10 the patient."

11 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.  
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# H.B. NO. 1638

**Report Title:**

Hospital Discharge Planning; Palliative Care; Hospice

**Description:**

Requires hospitals to provide patients or their designated caregiver with information on hospice and palliative care, if deemed relevant, upon discharge.

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