
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the cost of living
2 in Hawaii continues to rise, and the cost of health care
3 contributes to this high cost of living. The legislature
4 further finds that Vermont enacted legislation establishing a
5 single-payer health care system at the state level in 2011 but
6 had abandoned the plan by 2014. Additionally, the California
7 Assembly attempted to pass legislation for universal health care
8 but was unable to because of the millions of taxpayer dollars
9 required for such a program. A different approach must be taken
10 to reduce the high costs of health care.

11 The legislature further finds that the human-induced global
12 climate crisis requires thoughtful but bold response on many
13 fronts to make Hawaii communities resilient to the impacts of
14 climate change that threaten the very survivability of the
15 State. Lest Hawaii lose its leadership position in meeting the
16 future of labor, justice, and equity, the legislature embraces
17 aloha 'āina as a Green New Deal to decarbonize Hawaii's systems



1 of food, energy, and transportation and sequester carbon through
2 systems of agriculture, waste management and ecosystem
3 restoration. This solid foundation finds synergies with
4 expanded access to health care, housing and education,
5 multiplying good jobs and ensuring justice and equity for
6 Hawaii's citizens. This Act represents a forward step in
7 mitigating and adapting Hawaii to inevitable change.

8 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
9 health in conjunction with the department of human services and
10 insurance commissioner to conduct a study to determine the
11 feasibility of establishing an all-payer health care pilot
12 program in a county with a population greater than five hundred
13 thousand.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The department of health, in conjunction
15 with the department of human services and insurance
16 commissioner, shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility
17 of establishing an all-payer health care pilot program in a
18 county with a population greater than five hundred thousand.
19 This study shall focus on private health care coverage, medicare
20 coverage, and medicaid coverage. The study shall consider,
21 among other issues:



1 (1) Any potential legal challenges posed by the pilot
2 program; and

3 (2) The appropriateness of a medicaid section 1115 waiver.

4 (b) The department of health shall submit a report of its
5 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
6 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
7 to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

8 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

All-payer Healthcare; DOH; DHS; Insurance Commissioner; Study

Description:

Requires DOH, in conjunction with DHS and the insurance commissioner, to conduct a study determining the feasibility of establishing an all-payer health care pilot program in a county with a population greater than 500,000. Effective 7/1/2050.

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