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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established a patient lift task  
2 force within the department of labor and industrial relations  
3 for administrative purposes to consist of the following members:
- 4           (1) A representative from the department of labor and  
5                 industrial relations' occupational safety and health  
6                 division;
- 7           (2) A representative from the Hawaii nurse's association;
- 8           (3) A representative from United Public Workers;
- 9           (4) A representative from a state hospital, to be chosen  
10                 by the director of labor and industrial relations or  
11                 the director's designee;
- 12           (5) A representative from a private hospital, to be chosen  
13                 by the director of labor and industrial relations or  
14                 the director's designee; and
- 15           (6) Any other stakeholders deemed necessary by the  
16                 director of labor and industrial relations or the  
17                 director's designee.



1 (b) The director of labor and industrial relations or the  
2 director's designee shall chair the task force.

3 (c) The purpose of the task force is to develop proposed  
4 legislation to address issues of employee health and safety in  
5 the lifting and transportation of patients in a hospital setting  
6 that are currently unaddressed or under-addressed by existing  
7 state law. The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
8 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
10 the regular session of 2020.

11 (d) The members of the task force shall serve without  
12 compensation, but shall be reimbursed by the department of labor  
13 and industrial relations for necessary expenses, including  
14 travel expenses, incurred for service on the task force. No  
15 member of the task force shall be made subject to section 84-17,  
16 Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's  
17 participation on the task force. The task force shall be exempt  
18 from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1 (e) The task force shall serve until twenty days prior to  
2 the convening of the regular session of 2020, or until it has  
3 accomplished the purpose of this Act, whichever occurs first.

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



**Report Title:**

Hospitals; Patient Lift Plan; Patient Lift Task Force

**Description:**

Creates a Patient Lift Task Force to address employee health and safety in lifting and transporting patients in a hospital setting. Requires a report, including proposed legislation, to the Legislature. (HB303 HD1)

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