
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 and may be cited as
2 "Kelii's Law".

3 SECTION 2. The purpose of this Act is to establish a task
4 force to perform a study to ensure and improve access to
5 essential services for individuals with developmental or
6 intellectual disabilities.

7 SECTION 3. (a) There is established within the behavioral
8 health services administration of the department of health a
9 task force to study issues relating to the accessibility and
10 utilization of essential services by the State's developmentally
11 and intellectually disabled individuals. The members of this
12 task force shall consist of:

13 (1) A representative from the department of health's
14 behavioral health services administration;

15 (2) A representative of the department of health's state
16 council on developmental disabilities;



- 1 (3) A representative of the department of health's
2 developmental disabilities division;
- 3 (4) A representative of the department of human services'
4 MedQuest division;
- 5 (5) Two members to be selected by the speaker of the house
6 of representatives;
- 7 (6) Two members to be selected by the president of the
8 senate; and
- 9 (7) At least one member of a developmental or intellectual
10 disability advocacy group.
- 11 (b) The task force shall address issues relating to access
12 of essential services for the State's developmentally and
13 intellectually disabled individuals. The task force shall
14 submit a report with findings and recommendations, including
15 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
16 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2020. The
17 report shall address:
- 18 (1) Gaps in service;
- 19 (2) Accessibility issues, including systemic barriers to
20 access;
- 21 (3) Identification of underserved populations; and



1 (4) Proposed legislation to improve existing services,
2 close service gaps, and decrease barriers to essential
3 services.

4 (c) The members of the task force shall serve without
5 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,
6 including travel expenses, incurred for service on the task
7 force. No member of the task force shall be made subject to
8 section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that
9 member's participation on the task force.

10 (d) The task force shall convene no later than thirty days
11 after the effective date of this Act.

12 (e) The task force shall serve until it has accomplished
13 the objectives of this Act or twenty days prior to the convening
14 of the regular session of 2020, whichever occurs first.

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



Report Title:

Developmental Disabilities; Task Force

Description:

Establishes a task force in the Department of Health's Behavioral Health Services Administration to study access and service gap issues in providing essential services to the State's intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals.
(HB42 HD1)

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