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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The Hawaii health authority was established in  
2 2009 as an autonomous body responsible for the overall health  
3 planning for the State and for determining the future capacity  
4 needs for health providers, facilities, equipment, and support  
5 service providers. However, the legislature finds that the  
6 authority has been dormant since late 2014 and needs to be  
7 reinvigorated and provided the necessary funding to carry out  
8 its duties and responsibilities.

9           The purpose of this Act is to enable the Hawaii health  
10 authority to fulfill its duties and responsibilities, which  
11 include developing a comprehensive health plan for all  
12 individuals in the State and submitting the plan to the  
13 legislature, by:

14           (1) Appropriating funds to the Hawaii health authority for  
15           the hiring of an executive director and other staff  
16           and expenses necessary for the authority; and



1           (2)    Requiring the Hawaii health authority to submit an  
 2                    updated comprehensive health plan, including its  
 3                    findings and recommendations, to the legislature.

4           SECTION 2.   Section 322H-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 5 amended to read as follows:

6           " ~~[f]~~ §322H-1 ~~[t]~~   **Hawaii health authority; establishment.**

7           (a)    There is established within the department of budget and  
 8 finance for administrative purposes the Hawaii health authority.  
 9 The authority shall be an autonomous public body corporate and  
 10 politic and an instrumentality of the State.

11           (b)    The authority shall ~~[be composed]~~ comprise ~~[of nine~~  
 12 ~~members]~~ thirteen members appointed by the governor, senate  
 13 president, and speaker of the house as provided in section 26-  
 14 34; provided that three members shall be appointed from a list  
 15 of nominees submitted by the speaker of the house of  
 16 representatives and three members shall be appointed from a list  
 17 of nominees submitted by the president of the senate. All  
 18 members shall be appointed for terms of four years each.

19           (c)    ~~[One member shall be selected to be the executive~~  
 20 ~~director and confirmed by a majority vote of a quorum of the~~  
 21 ~~members of the Hawaii health authority.]~~ The authority shall



1 hire an executive director who shall be exempt from chapter 76  
 2 and other staff necessary to assist in the performance of the  
 3 authority's duties and responsibilities. The staff of the  
 4 authority shall be hired without regard to chapter 76; provided  
 5 that the executive director and staff shall be eligible for  
 6 participation in state employee benefit plans.

7 (d) Each member shall hold office until the member's  
 8 successor is appointed and qualified.

9 (e) [~~Five~~] Seven members shall constitute a quorum, whose  
 10 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all valid actions by the  
 11 authority.

12 (f) The authority may incur expenses as it finds necessary  
 13 to perform its duties and responsibilities. The authority shall  
 14 submit a yearly report accounting for its spending to the  
 15 director of finance and the legislature no later than twenty  
 16 days prior to the convening of each regular session."

17 SECTION 3. Section 322H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 18 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

19 "(e) The authority shall submit a comprehensive health  
 20 plan for all individuals in the State, including its findings  
 21 and recommendations, to the legislature no later than twenty



1 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2012. The  
2 authority shall submit an updated comprehensive health plan to  
3 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
4 of the regular session of 2020."

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
9 2020-2021 for the hiring of an executive director and other  
10 staff expenses necessary for the Hawaii health authority to  
11 carry out its duties and responsibilities.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
13 of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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# H.B. NO. 506

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Health Authority; Hiring; Comprehensive Health Plan; Appropriation

**Description:**

Changes the composition of the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) from 9 to 13 to reflect Hawaii's diversity and requires the HHA to submit an updated comprehensive health plan to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the hiring of an executive director and other staff and other expenses necessary for HHA to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

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