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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Centers for
2 Disease Control and Prevention defines "Health in All Policies"
3 (HiAP) as "a collaborative approach that integrates and
4 articulates health considerations into policymaking across
5 sectors to improve the health of all communities and people.
6 HiAP recognizes that health is created by a multitude of factors
7 beyond healthcare and, in many cases, beyond the scope of
8 traditional public health activities". The HiAP approach was
9 introduced by the federal government with tools for states and
10 territories to improve health outcomes and is intended to be an
11 effective way to identify gaps in evidence and to achieve health
12 equity.

13 The American Public Health Association states the goal of
14 HiAP is to "ensure that decision-makers are informed about the
15 health, equity, and sustainability consequences of various
16 policy options during the policy development process". The



1 implementation of HiAP requires the following five key
2 strategies:

- 3 (1) Engaging and visioning;
- 4 (2) Convening and collaborating;
- 5 (3) Developing a plan;
- 6 (4) Investing in change; and
- 7 (5) Tracking progress.

8 The legislature also finds that Act 155, Session Laws of
9 Hawaii 2014, added the "[e]limination of health disparities by
10 identifying and addressing social determinants of health" to the
11 State's objectives and policies for socio-cultural advancement-
12 health in section 226-20(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Act
13 157, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, amended section 321-1, Hawaii
14 Revised Statutes, by adding that the department of health "shall
15 pursue as a goal, the achievement of health equity. The
16 department shall consider social determinants of health in the
17 assessment of state needs for health". These additions are
18 consistent with HiAP goals to achieve health equity across
19 communities and to do so by acknowledging and working
20 collaboratively with governmental and non-governmental sectors.



1 However, the legislature finds that further updating the
2 statutory description of the department of health's powers and
3 duties, to describe population-based public health programs and
4 employ multi-sectoral strategies to improve health outcomes,
5 would enhance the department's goal of health equity. Thus, the
6 purpose of this Act is to establish a working group to evaluate
7 and advise on updating the statutory description of the
8 department of health's powers, duties, functions, and
9 responsibilities in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, beginning with
10 section 321-31, to align with population-based approaches to
11 public health and prevention that incorporate HiAP approaches
12 and goals.

13 SECTION 2. (a) The department of health shall establish a
14 working group to examine and develop recommendations to update
15 the statutory description of the department of health's powers,
16 duties, functions, and responsibilities in the Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes and to incorporate into the statutory description
18 population-based approaches to public health and prevention that
19 recognize that health is created by a multitude of factors
20 beyond health care and requires a collaborative approach.



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1 (b) The members of the working group shall designate a
2 chairperson from among themselves.

3 (c) The working group shall submit a report of its
4 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
5 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days before
6 the convening of the regular session of 2020.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and
10 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
11 year 2020-2021 to support the activities of the working group
12 established pursuant to this Act.

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
14 of health for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

Department of Health; Working Group; Health in All Policies; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a working group to examine and advise on amendments that can be made to the statutory description of the department of health's powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Appropriates funds to support the activities of the working group.

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