
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a more
2 coordinated and cost-effective statewide health planning and
3 resource development program.

4 SECTION 2. Section 323D-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "**§323D-12 Health planning and development functions; state**
7 **agency[-]; department of health.** (a) The state agency or
8 department of health shall:

9 (1) Have as a principal function the responsibility for
10 promoting accessibility for all the people of the
11 State to quality health care services at reasonable
12 cost. The state agency or department of health shall
13 conduct such studies and investigations as may be
14 necessary as to the causes of health care costs
15 including inflation. The state agency or department
16 of health may contract for services to implement this
17 paragraph. The certificate of need program mandated



1 under part V shall serve this function. The state
2 agency or department of health shall promote the
3 sharing of facilities or services by health care
4 providers whenever possible to achieve economies and
5 shall restrict unusual or unusually costly services to
6 individual facilities or providers where appropriate;

7 (2) Serve as staff to and provide technical assistance and
8 advice to the statewide council and the subarea
9 councils in the preparation, review, and revision of
10 the state health services and facilities plan;

11 (3) Conduct the health planning activities of the State in
12 coordination with the subarea councils, implement the
13 state health services and facilities plan, and
14 determine the statewide health needs of the State
15 after consulting with the statewide council; and

16 (4) Administer the state certificate of need program
17 pursuant to part V.

18 (b) The state agency may:

19 (1) Prepare such reports and recommendations on Hawaii's
20 health care costs and public or private efforts to
21 reduce or control costs and health care quality as it



1 deems necessary. The report may include, but not be
2 limited to, a review of health insurance plans, the
3 availability of various kinds of health insurance and
4 malpractice insurance to consumers, and strategies for
5 increasing competition in the health insurance field.

6 (2) Prepare and revise as necessary the state health
7 services and facilities plan.

8 (3) Prepare, review, and revise the annual implementation
9 plan.

10 (4) Assist the statewide council in the performance of its
11 functions.

12 (5) Determine the need for new health services proposed to
13 be offered within the State.

14 (6) Assess existing health care services and facilities to
15 determine whether there are redundant, excessive, or
16 inappropriate services or facilities and make public
17 findings of any that are found to be so. The state
18 agency or department of health shall weigh the costs
19 of the health care services or facilities against the
20 benefits the services or facilities provide and there



1 shall be a negative presumption against marginal
2 services.

3 (7) Provide technical assistance to persons, public or
4 private, in obtaining and filling out the necessary
5 forms for the development of projects and programs.

6 (8) Prepare reports, studies, and recommendations on
7 emerging health issues, such as medical ethics, health
8 care rationing, involuntary care, care for the
9 indigent, and standards for research and development
10 of biotechnology and genetic engineering.

11 (9) Conduct such other activities as are necessary to meet
12 the purposes of this chapter."

13 SECTION 3. Section 323D-12.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "[+]§323D-12.6[+] State health planning and development
16 special fund; created; deposits; expenditures; fees. (a) There
17 is established within the state treasury, to be administered by
18 ~~[the state health planning and development agency]~~ _____,
19 the state health planning and development special fund into
20 which shall be deposited all moneys collected under this chapter
21 ~~[323D]~~.



1 (b) Moneys in the special fund shall be expended by the
2 ~~[state health planning and development agency]~~ _____ to
3 assist in offsetting program expenses of the agency.

4 (c) All unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of
5 \$2,000,000 remaining on balance in the special fund at the close
6 of June 30 of each year shall lapse to the credit of the general
7 fund.

8 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) The ~~[agency]~~ _____ shall adopt rules in
9 accordance with chapter 91 to establish reasonable fees for the
10 purposes of this chapter."

11 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
14 provided that on June 30, 2026, section 2 of this Act shall be
15 repealed and section 323D-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be
16 reenacted in the form in which it read on the day before the
17 effective date of this Act.



Report Title:

State Health Planning and Development Agency; Statewide Health Planning and Resource Development Program Reform

Description:

Authorizes either the State Health Planning and Development Agency or the Department of Health to deploy statewide health planning and resource development programs and resources. Provides that any money in the state health planning and development special fund in excess of \$2,000,000 shall lapse to the general fund. Effective 7/1/2050. Department of Health's duty to deploy programs and resources repeals 6/30/2026. (SD2)

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