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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ASSURANCE SPECIAL FUND.

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

1       SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to increase the  
2       annual expenditure ceiling of the office of health care  
3       assurance special fund to offset increasing operational expenses  
4       that include contracts to implement new management information  
5       and background checks systems, as well as diminish its  
6       dependence on the general fund.

7       SECTION 2. Section 321-1.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8       amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

9       "(b) Moneys in the special fund shall be expended by the  
10      department of health:

11      (1) To assist in offsetting operating costs and  
12      educational program expenses of the department of  
13      health's office of health care assurance; and

14      (2) For the purpose of enhancing the capacity of office of  
15      health care assurance programs to:



1 (A) Improve public health outreach efforts, program  
2 and community development, and consultations to  
3 industries regulated;

4 (B) Educate the public, the staff of the department  
5 of health, and other departments within the  
6 State, as well as staff and providers of all  
7 health care facilities and agencies regulated;  
8 and

9 (C) Administer and support the durable medical  
10 equipment supplier license program established  
11 pursuant to part XLIII.

12 Not more than [~~\$327,000~~] \$\_\_\_\_\_ of the special fund may be  
13 used during any fiscal year for the activities carried out by  
14 the office of health care assurance.

15 (c) Any amount in the special fund in excess of [~~\$387,500~~]  
16 \$\_\_\_\_\_ on June 30 of each year shall be deposited into the  
17 general fund."

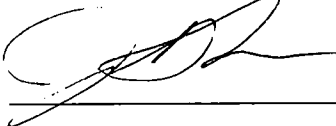
18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1       SECTION 4.   This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY:  \_\_\_\_\_



# S.B. NO. 2596

**Report Title:**

Office of Health Care Assurance Special Fund; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Increase the annual expenditure ceiling of the Office of Health Care Assurance Special Fund to meet expanding program needs and diminish dependence on the general fund.

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