
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The state council on developmental
2 disabilities shall submit to the legislature no later than
3 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
4 2023, a report focused on the health disparities experienced by
5 individuals with disabilities in Hawaii. The report shall
6 include:

7 (1) A definition of Hawaii's disability population for
8 public health administration purposes, including the
9 health conditions, duration, and level of severity
10 required to qualify for disability status;

11 (2) Population-level differences in Hawaii between
12 individuals with and without disabilities on health
13 indicators and social determinants of health,
14 including:

15 (A) Access to necessary health care;

16 (B) Access to preventive health care, including
17 wellness programs and emotional support services;



- 1 (C) Health behaviors, including the percentage of
2 individuals who engage in physical activities or
3 smoke cigarettes;
- 4 (D) Health status and outcomes, including the
5 percentage of individuals who are considered
6 obese or diagnosed with chronic diseases,
7 including diabetes, hypertension, and
8 cardiovascular diseases;
- 9 (E) Emergency preparedness, including evacuation
10 planning and ability;
- 11 (F) Health insurance coverage;
- 12 (G) Social determinants of health and health
13 outcomes, including household income, employment
14 status, education level, access to health
15 information technology tools and systems, access
16 to transportation, and social and community
17 environment; and
- 18 (H) Other indicators and determinants that contribute
19 to an individual's physical and mental health;



1 (3) Factors contributing to the population-level
2 differences, including economic and social
3 disadvantages and discrimination;

4 (4) A determination of the population-level differences
5 and contributing factors that are preventable or
6 avoidable;

7 (5) Any other information that would assist the State in
8 determining safe, equitable, and culturally
9 appropriate public health actions that would improve
10 health care and address the health disparities
11 experienced by Hawaii's disability population; and

12 (6) Proposed legislation, including best practices for the
13 State to reduce the health disparities experienced by
14 Hawaii's disability population.

15 (b) For purposes of this Act, "health disparities" means
16 population-level differences in health outcomes that are related
17 to a history of social, economic, or environmental
18 disadvantages, that are avoidable and not primarily caused by
19 underlying health conditions that led to the disability.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
2 the state council on developmental disabilities to compile and
3 submit a report focused on the health disparities experienced by
4 individuals with disabilities in Hawaii to the legislature
5 before the Regular Session of 2023.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 health for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
9 2050.



Report Title:

Disabled Individuals; Health Disparity; Health Equity; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to submit a report focused on the health disparities experienced by individuals with disabilities in Hawaii to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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