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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ACT 212, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2021.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, as
2 amended by section 2 of Act 150, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
3 repealed.

4 SECTION 2. Act 150, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
5 repealed.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

HHSC; Oahu Regional System

Description:

Repeals the requirement to transfer the Oahu Regional Health Care System from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACT 212, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2021.

PURPOSE: To repeal the requirement to transfer the Oahu Regional Health Care System in its entirety from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) to the Department of Health (DOH).

MEANS: Repeal Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2021.

JUSTIFICATION: The transfer of the Oahu Region of the HHSC is no longer necessary because (1) the goals of the transfer were accomplished through other means, and (2) the transfer requires additional one-time and ongoing appropriations to maintain certain essential functions that are unnecessary if the Oahu Region remains in the HHSC.

The intent to transfer the Oahu Regional Health Care System, comprised of Leahi Hospital and Maluhia Hospital, to DOH was to improve access to care for high acuity patients with mental health and substance diagnoses. To address this concern, the Oahu Region of the HHSC implemented crisis stabilization and related pilot programs. Because the pilot programs have improved access to and continuity of care for high acuity patients with mental health and substance use disorder diagnoses, the need to transfer the Oahu Region to DOH is significantly reduced.

Furthermore, the working group authorized by Act 212, SLH 2021, with the assistance of consultants, identified that a one-time appropriation of \$10,300,000 and recurring appropriations of \$5,000,000 annually, plus additional new full-time employees would be required to assure operational continuity of

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the Oahu Region under DOH. If the Oahu Region remains with the HHSC, these appropriations and additional full-time employees will be unnecessary.

Lastly, the creation of a line-time budget code for the Oahu Region in 2021 in the executive budget created parity between the Oahu Region and other HHSC regions by authorizing the Oahu Region to advocate autonomously for resources.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
Prevent unanticipated operational disruptions and recurring expenses to the Oahu Regional Health Care System.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: HTH 495.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Hawaii Health Systems Corporation;
Department of Budget and Finance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.