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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 323D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "Health care" means the improvement of a person's health  
5 through the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and amelioration  
6 or cure of disease, illness, injury, or other physical and  
7 mental impairment, regardless of the setting in which those  
8 services are delivered."

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

11           "§323D-12 Health planning and development functions; state  
12 agency. (a) The state agency shall:

13           (1) Have as a principal function the responsibility for  
14 promoting ~~[accessibility for all the people of the~~  
15 ~~State to quality health care services at reasonable~~  
16 ~~cost. The state agency shall conduct such studies and~~  
17 ~~investigations as may be necessary as to the causes of~~



1 ~~health care costs including inflation. The state~~  
2 ~~agency may contract for services to implement this~~  
3 ~~paragraph. The certificate of need program mandated~~  
4 ~~under part V shall serve this function. The state~~  
5 ~~agency shall promote the sharing of facilities or~~  
6 ~~services by health care providers whenever possible to~~  
7 ~~achieve economies and shall restrict unusual or~~  
8 ~~unusually costly services to individual facilities or~~  
9 ~~providers where appropriate;] universal access to~~  
10 ~~high-quality, equitable, and affordable health care~~  
11 ~~for all the people of the State;~~

12 (2) ~~[Serve as staff to and provide technical assistance~~  
13 ~~and advice to the statewide council and the subarea~~  
14 ~~councils in the preparation, review, and revision of~~  
15 ~~the state health services and facilities plan;]~~  
16 ~~Provide, throughout state government, leadership and~~  
17 ~~coordination of activities and resources that affect~~  
18 ~~health care access and quality, including health~~  
19 ~~insurance coverage rates, health insurance benefits,~~  
20 ~~affordability, workforce health, reimbursements,~~



- 1           quality, administrative simplification, workforce  
2           development, and health information technology;
- 3           (3) ~~[Conduct the health planning activities of the State~~  
4           ~~in coordination with the subarea councils, implement~~  
5           ~~the state health services and facilities plan, and~~  
6           ~~determine the statewide health needs of the State~~  
7           ~~after consulting with the statewide council; and]~~  
8           Establish a state health services, workforce, and  
9           facilities plan and update that plan every four years  
10           following consultation with the statewide health  
11           coordinating council;
- 12           (4) Administer the state certificate of need program  
13           pursuant to part V[-], serving as staff to and  
14           providing technical assistance and advice for the  
15           statewide health coordinating council and subarea  
16           health planning councils; and
- 17           (5) Develop an annual state global budget based on total  
18           costs of health care to:
- 19           (A) Prevent costs from rising faster than general  
20           inflation; and
- 21           (B) Assure affordability of health care services;



1 provided that the plan shall be developed no later  
 2 than 2025 and shall be updated annually thereafter;  
 3 provided further that the plan shall be developed and  
 4 updated in consultation with the governor, department  
 5 of budget and finance, Hawaii employer-union health  
 6 benefits trust fund, and all public and private health  
 7 plans and providers of health insurance coverage.

8 (b) The state agency may:

9 (1) Prepare [~~such reports and recommendations~~]:

10 (A) Reports;

11 (B) Related health statistics as are needed to  
 12 monitor and improve health care access, outcomes,  
 13 equity, quality, costs, and cost-effectiveness;  
 14 and

15 (C) Recommendations,

16 on Hawaii's health care costs and public or private  
 17 efforts to reduce or control costs and improve health  
 18 care quality as [~~it~~] the state agency deems necessary.  
 19 [~~The~~] A report may include [~~, but not be limited to,~~] a  
 20 review of health insurance plans, the availability of  
 21 various kinds of health insurance and malpractice



1 insurance to consumers, and strategies for increasing  
2 competition in the health insurance field[-] and  
3 across the health care delivery system;

4 [~~(2)~~] ~~Prepare and revise as necessary the state health~~  
5 ~~services and facilities plan.~~

6 [~~(3)~~] ~~Prepare, review, and revise the annual implementation~~  
7 ~~plan.~~

8 [~~(4)~~] (2) Assist the statewide council in the performance  
9 of its functions[-];

10 [~~(5)~~] (3) Determine the need for new health services  
11 proposed to be offered within the State[-];

12 [~~(6)~~] (4) Assess existing health care services and  
13 facilities to determine whether there are redundant,  
14 excessive, or inappropriate services or facilities and  
15 make public findings of any that are found to be so.  
16 The state agency shall weigh the costs of the health  
17 care services or facilities against the benefits the  
18 services or facilities provide and there shall be a  
19 negative presumption against marginal services[-];



- 1        [~~7~~] (5) Provide technical assistance to persons, public
- 2                    or private, in obtaining and filling out the necessary
- 3                    forms for the development of projects and programs~~[-]~~;
- 4        [~~8~~] (6) Prepare reports, studies, and recommendations on
- 5                    emerging health issues, such as medical ethics, health
- 6                    care rationing, involuntary care, care for the
- 7                    indigent, and standards for research and development
- 8                    of biotechnology [~~and~~], genetic engineering~~[-]~~, remote
- 9                    monitoring, artificial intelligence, and workforce
- 10                    development; and
- 11        [~~9~~] (7) Conduct such other activities as are necessary to
- 12                    meet the purposes of this chapter."

13        SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of

14 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and

15 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined

16 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the

17 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025

18 to be exceeded by \$                    , or                    per cent. The reasons

19 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the

20 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public

21 interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
4 administrative costs and to establish the following positions  
5 within the state health planning and development agency:

- 6 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) administrative  
7 specialist IV position;
- 8 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) research  
9 statistician VI position, who shall serve as a state  
10 healthcare informatician;
- 11 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) research  
12 statistician V position, who shall serve as an  
13 administrative data specialist;
- 14 (4) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist  
15 VI position, who shall serve as a state health  
16 planner;
- 17 (5) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist  
18 IV position, who shall serve as a health planning  
19 liaison for the county of Hawaii;



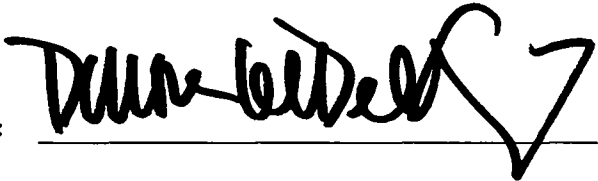
- 1           (6) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist
- 2                   IV position, who shall serve as a health planning
- 3                   liaison for the county of Kauai;
- 4           (7) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist
- 5                   IV position, who shall serve as a health planning
- 6                   liaison for the county of Maui; and
- 7           (8) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist
- 8                   IV position, who shall serve as a health planning
- 9                   liaison for the city and county of Honolulu.

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

12           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: 





# S.B. NO. 2285

**Report Title:**

Department of Health; SHPDA; Positions; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

**Description:**

Amends the functions and duties of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Appropriates moneys for administrative costs and to establish positions. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

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