

JAN 19 2024

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-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§323D-12 Health planning and development functions; state**
4 **agency.** (a) The state agency shall:

5 (1) Have as a principal function the responsibility for
6 promoting ~~[accessibility for all the people of the~~
7 ~~State to quality health care services at reasonable~~
8 ~~cost. The state agency shall conduct such studies and~~
9 ~~investigations as may be necessary as to the causes of~~
10 ~~health care costs including inflation. The state~~
11 ~~agency may contract for services to implement this~~
12 ~~paragraph. The certificate of need program mandated~~
13 ~~under part V shall serve this function. The state~~
14 ~~agency shall promote the sharing of facilities or~~
15 ~~services by health care providers whenever possible to~~
16 ~~achieve economies and shall restrict unusual or~~
17 ~~unusually costly services to individual facilities or~~



1 ~~providers where appropriate;]~~ universal access to high
2 quality, equitable, and affordable health care for all
3 people in the State; provided that, for purposes of
4 this section, "health care" means the improvement of
5 health via the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and
6 amelioration or cure of disease, illness, injury, and
7 other physical and mental impairments, that are
8 delivered in any setting;

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

13 Provide leadership and coordination of activities and
14 resources for state agencies that affect health care
15 access and quality, including but not limited to
16 health insurance coverage rates, health insurance
17 benefits, affordability, workforce, reimbursement,
18 quality, administrative simplification, and health
19 information technology;

20 (3) ~~[Conduct the health planning activities of the State~~
21 ~~in coordination with the subarea councils, implement~~



1 ~~the state health services and facilities plan, and~~
2 ~~determine the statewide health needs of the State~~
3 ~~after consulting with the statewide council; and]~~

4 Prepare a state health services and facilities plan,
5 which shall include workforce considerations, and
6 update the plan every four years, after consulting
7 with the statewide council;

8 (4) Administer the state certificate of need program
9 pursuant to part V[-] and serve as staff and provide
10 technical assistance and advice to the statewide
11 council and subarea councils; and

12 (5) Develop, no later than 2027, and annually thereafter,
13 and in consultation with the governor, the department
14 of budget and finance, the employee-union trust fund,
15 all public and private health plans and entities in
16 the State providing health insurance coverage, an
17 annual state global budget based on total costs of
18 health care in order to prevent costs from rising
19 faster than general inflation and to assure the
20 affordability of health care services.

21 (b) The state agency may:



- 1 (1) Prepare [~~such~~] reports, related health statistics as
2 are needed to monitor and improve health care access,
3 outcomes, equity, quality, costs, and cost-
4 effectiveness, and recommendations on Hawaii's health
5 care costs and public or private efforts to reduce or
6 control costs and improve health care quality as it
7 deems necessary. The report may include[~~✓~~] but not be
8 limited to[~~✓~~] a review of health insurance plans, the
9 availability of various kinds of health insurance and
10 malpractice insurance to consumers, and strategies for
11 increasing competition in the health insurance
12 field[~~✓~~] and across the health care delivery system;
- 13 [~~(2)~~] ~~Prepare and revise as necessary the state health~~
14 ~~services and facilities plan.~~
- 15 [~~(3)~~] ~~Prepare, review, and revise the annual implementation~~
16 ~~plan.~~
- 17 [~~(4)~~] (2) Assist the statewide council in the performance
18 of its functions[~~✓~~];
- 19 [~~(5)~~] (3) Determine the need for new health services
20 proposed to be offered within the State[~~✓~~];



1 ~~(6)~~ (4) Assess existing health care services and
 2 facilities to determine whether there are redundant,
 3 excessive, or inappropriate services or facilities and
 4 make public findings of any that are found to be so.
 5 The state agency shall weigh the costs of the health
 6 care services or facilities against the benefits the
 7 services or facilities provide and there shall be a
 8 negative presumption against marginal services~~(7)~~;

9 ~~(7)~~ (5) Provide technical assistance to persons, public
 10 or private, in obtaining and filling out the necessary
 11 forms for the development of projects and programs~~(8)~~;

12 ~~(8)~~ (6) Prepare reports, studies, and recommendations on
 13 emerging health issues, such as medical ethics, health
 14 care rationing, involuntary care, care for the
 15 indigent, and standards for research and development
 16 of biotechnology ~~and~~, genetic engineering, remote
 17 monitoring, and artificial intelligence; and

18 ~~(9)~~ (7) Conduct ~~such~~ other activities as are necessary
 19 to meet the purposes of this chapter."

20 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
 21 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,



1 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
2 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
3 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
4 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
5 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
6 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
7 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
8 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
9 ceiling are that:

- 10 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
11 serve the public interest; and
- 12 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
13 addressed by this Act.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
17 administrative costs and the establishment of the following
18 positions within the state health planning and development
19 agency:

- 20 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) administrative
21 specialist IV position;



- 1 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) research
2 statistician VI position, to serve as the State health
3 care informatician;
- 4 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) research
5 statistician V position, to serve as administrative
6 data specialist;
- 7 (4) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist
8 VI position, to serve as the State health planner;
- 9 (5) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist
10 IV position, to serve as health planning liaison for
11 the county of Hawaii;
- 12 (6) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist
13 IV position, to serve as health planning liaison for
14 the county of Kauai;
- 15 (7) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist
16 IV position, to serve as health planning liaison for
17 the county of Maui; and
- 18 (8) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist
19 IV position, to serve as health planning liaison for
20 the city and county of Honolulu.



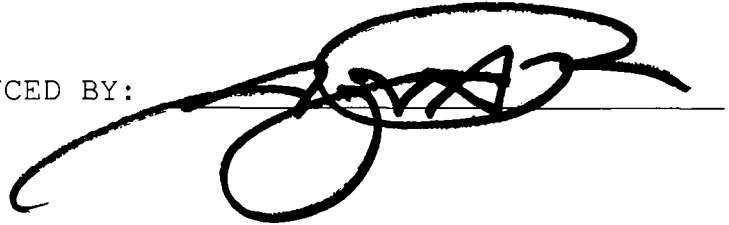
1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 health for the purposes of this Act.

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

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 2462

Report Title:

Department of Health; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Functions; Positions; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Amends the functions of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Establishes positions. Makes an appropriation.

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