

S.B. NO. 3128

JAN 24 2024

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3 repealed.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5 repealed.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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BY REQUEST

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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

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.