
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii residents
2 deserve universal access and equity to quality health care at an
3 affordable cost. The Hawaii Prepaid Healthcare Act of 1974, the
4 State Health Insurance Program Act of 1989, and the current
5 successful med-QUEST program administered by the department of
6 human services, are true examples of the State's remarkable
7 tradition of health system reform innovation. However, the
8 State presently falls short of access to health care insurance
9 with approximately eighty thousand uninsured and many more
10 underinsured residents.

11 The legislature also finds that with increasing health care
12 insurance costs; excessive regulatory, administrative, and
13 delivery system complexities; growing unaffordability for
14 families, businesses, and government; unacceptable variation in
15 outcomes despite numerous examples of high-quality care; and
16 growing stresses on recruiting and retaining sufficient health
17 care professionals, a renewed commitment towards guaranteeing



1 universal coverage, streamlined administrative costs, and health
2 system modernization are necessary.

3 Presently, the state health planning and development agency
4 administers the statewide health planning and cost containment
5 activities. While the state health planning and development
6 agency has an effective certificate of need program, it is not
7 sufficient to contain health care costs. Furthermore, existing
8 law requires health plans funded by the Hawaii employer-union
9 health benefits trust fund and the state medicaid agency to
10 provide administrative data, including health and dental
11 insurance data, to the state health planning and development
12 agency. This data, along with the acquisition of medicare data
13 sets specific to Hawaii, is necessary to facilitate greater
14 transparency and understanding of health care costs, health care
15 system quality, population health conditions, and health care
16 disparities.

17 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a task
18 force known as the hui ho'omana, which means "group to transform
19 and empower", to make recommendations to achieve universal
20 allies and equity to quality health care at an affordable cost
21 for state residents.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the hui ho‘omana
2 within the state health planning and development agency for
3 administrative purposes only, to make recommendations to achieve
4 universal access and equity to quality health care at an
5 affordable cost for state residents.

6 (b) The hui ho‘omana shall consist of up to twenty-five
7 voting members and ten nonvoting ex officio members. The voting
8 members shall include:

- 9 (1) The administrator of the state health planning and
10 development agency or the administrator designee;
- 11 (2) The director of health or the director's designee;
- 12 (3) The director of human services or the director's
13 designee;
- 14 (4) The insurance commissioner or the commissioner's
15 designee;
- 16 (5) The chief executive officer of the Hawaii health
17 systems corporation or the chief executive officer's
18 designee;
- 19 (6) The administrator of the Hawaii employer-union health
20 benefits trust fund or the administrator's designee;



1 (7) The dean of the university of Hawaii John A. Burns
2 school of medicine or the dean's designee;

3 (8) One representative from the city and county of
4 Honolulu who shall be selected by the mayor of the
5 city and county of Honolulu;

6 (9) One representative of the county of Kauai who shall be
7 selected by the mayor of the county of Kauai;

8 (10) One representative of the county of Maui who shall be
9 selected by the mayor of the county of Maui; and

10 (11) One representative of the county of Hawaii who shall
11 be selected by the mayor of the county of Hawaii.

12 The administrator of the state health planning and
13 development agency shall invite the following individuals or
14 their designees to participate on the hui ho'omana as voting
15 members:

16 (1) The president of the National Association of Social
17 Workers, Hawaii Chapter;

18 (2) The president and chief executive officer of the
19 Hawaii Medical Service Association;

20 (3) The regional president of Kaiser Permanente Southern
21 California and Hawaii region;



- 1 (4) The president and chief executive officer of the
- 2 Healthcare Association of Hawaii;
- 3 (5) The chief executive officer of the Hawaii Primary Care
- 4 Association;
- 5 (6) The executive director of the Hawaii Medical
- 6 Association;
- 7 (7) The executive director of the Hawaii - American Nurses
- 8 Association;
- 9 (8) The president and chief executive officer of The
- 10 Queen's Health System;
- 11 (9) The president and chief executive officer of Hawaii
- 12 Pacific Health;
- 13 (10) The president of the Accountable Healthcare Alliance
- 14 of Rural Oahu;
- 15 (11) The chief executive officer of Papa Ola Lōkahi;
- 16 (12) The chief executive officer of AlohaCare';
- 17 (13) The state director of AARP Hawaii; and
- 18 (14) The president of the Hawaii Pharmacists Association.
- 19 The nonvoting ex-officio members shall include:
- 20 (1) The chief of staff from the office of the governor or
- 21 the chief's designee;



- 1 (2) The chair of the senate standing committee on health
2 and human services or the chair's designee;
- 3 (3) The chair of the house of representatives standing
4 committee on health and homelessness or the chair's
5 designee;
- 6 (4) Two members selected and invited by the administrator
7 of the state health planning and development agency
8 from the statewide health coordinating council who
9 shall be confirmed by the senate;
- 10 (5) The director of corrections and rehabilitation or the
11 director's designee;
- 12 (6) One member from the department of health with
13 expertise in rural health who shall be selected by the
14 director of health;
- 15 (7) The director of the executive office on aging or the
16 director's designee;
- 17 (8) The attorney general or the attorney general's
18 designee;
- 19 (9) The superintendent of education or the
20 superintendent's designee; and



1 (10) The director of commerce and consumer affairs or the
2 director's designee.

3 The first meeting of the hui ho'omana shall be held no later
4 than thirty days after the enactment of this Act, at which the
5 members shall elect a chair, vice chair, and any other necessary
6 officers from among the members.

7 A majority of the hui ho'omana voting members present at any
8 given meeting shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

9 The hui ho'omana shall meet not less than quarterly and may
10 meet more often than quarterly. The state health planning and
11 development agency shall provide administrative and clerical
12 support required by the hui ho'omana.

13 (c) The hui ho'omana shall;

14 (1) Identify and prioritize necessary actions for a
15 comprehensive plan to provide universal access to
16 equitable and affordable high-quality health care for
17 state residents;

18 (2) Determine a responsible party, timelines, and deadline
19 for each necessary action identified in the
20 comprehensive plan; and



1 (3) Identify resources required and funding options, which
2 may include financing from private, state, and federal
3 entities.

4 (d) Members of the hui ho‘omana shall serve without
5 compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
6 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
7 expenses.

8 (e) The hui ho‘omana shall submit a report of its findings
9 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the regular session of 2025, and a final report of its findings
12 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
13 legislature before its dissolution.

14 (f) The hui ho‘omana shall be dissolved on July 1, 2025.

15 SECTION 3. If any part of this Act is found to be in
16 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed
17 condition for the allocation of federal funds to the State, the
18 conflicting part of this Act is inoperative solely to the extent
19 of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly
20 affected, and this finding does not affect the operation of the
21 remainder of the Act in its application to the agencies



1 concerned. The rules under this Act shall meet federal
2 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of
3 federal funds by the State.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
5 2050.



Report Title:

State Health Planning and Development Agency; Health Care Task Force; Hui Ho'omana; Report

Description:

Establishes the Hui Ho'omana task force within the State Health Planning and Development Agency to develop a comprehensive plan to provide universal access to equitable and affordable high-quality health care for state residents, including defining action plan items, setting timeline and deadline for each action item, and identifying resources required and funding options. Requires reports to the Legislature. Dissolves the task force on 7/1/2025. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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