

A Bill for an Act Relating to County Hospital Management Advisory Committees.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 27-22 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to read:

"Sec. 27-22 County hospital management advisory committees. (a) There shall be for each county a hospital management advisory committee to consist of nine members to be appointed by the governor. The members shall serve for a term of four years; provided that upon the initial appointment of the members, two shall be appointed for a term of one year, two for a term of two years, two for a term of three years and three for a term of four years.

The committee shall select its own chairman and vice chairman and may adopt such rules and regulations as it may consider necessary for the conduct of its business.

The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The department of health shall provide for the necessary expenses of the committees; provided that no expenses may be incurred without prior authorization by the director of health.

(b) Powers and duties of management advisory committee. Each committee shall sit in an advisory capacity to the director of health on matters concerning the planning, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of public hospitals and other public health and medical facilities within their respective jurisdictions; but nothing herein shall be construed as precluding or preventing the committees from coordinating their efforts and activities with the hospital administrators within their counties.

SECTION 2. Section 27-21.2 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to read:

"Sec. 27-21.2 Transfer of personnel. (a) All employees of the several counties, the major portion of whose duties is in a functional area covered by section 27-21.1 shall be transferred to the department to which the function has been assigned.

No employee transferred by this part shall suffer any loss of salary, seniority, prior service credit, vacation, sick leave or other employee benefits or privileges as a consequence of this part.

The counties shall not be required to transfer funds to cover the vacation credits earned or accumulated by employees transferred under this part.

(b) The appointment of the hospital administrator shall be made pursuant to chapters 76 and 77, on or after June 12, 1974. Hospital administrators appointed prior to June 12, 1974 shall receive permanent civil service status as provided in chapters 76 and 77 without the necessity of examination and shall be accorded all rights, benefits, and privileges attributable thereto. Such rights and privileges shall include seniority, prior service credit, vacation and sick leave credits, and other benefits and privileges accorded a hospital administrator with

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civil service status. Such hospital administrators shall not suffer a reduction in their pay rate.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 10, 1976.)

*Edited accordingly.