## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

| 1                  | SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by             |
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| 2                  | adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read  |
| 3                  | as follows:  |
| 4                  | "CHAPTER   |
| 5                  | HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY  |
| 6                  | § -1 Hawaii health authority; establishment. (a)                 |
| , <sup>, ,</sup> 7 | There is established an autonomous state Hawaii health authority |
| 8                  | to develop plans and strategies for the creation of a universal  |
| 9                  | health care system for the people of Hawaii. The authority       |
| 10                 | shall be placed within the University of Hawaii's John A. Burns  |
| 11                 | school of medicine for administrative purposes as specified in   |
| 12                 | section 26-35(a)(6) only.  |
| 13                 | (b) The authority shall be composed of three voting              |
| 14                 | members appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34;  |
| 15                 | provided that:   |
| 16                 | (1) One member shall be selected from a list of three            |
| 17                 | nominees submitted by the speaker of the house of                |
| 18                 | representatives; and   |

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- 1 (2) One member shall be selected from a list of three
- 2 nominees submitted by the president of the senate.
- 3 All members shall be appointed for terms of six years each,
- 4 except that the terms of the members first appointed shall be
- 5 for two, four, and six years, respectively, as designated by the
- 6 governor at the time of appointment.
- 7 (c) An executive director shall be selected by the
- 8 members.
- 9 (d) Each member shall hold office until the member's
- 10 successor is appointed and qualified.
- 11 (e) The concurrence of a majority of all members shall be
- 12 necessary to make any action of the authority valid.
- (f) The salary of the executive director shall be \$
- 14 a year and the salaries of the other members shall be \$ a
- 15 year.
- 16 (g) The authority shall be assisted by up to two clerical
- 17 staff members to be appointed by, and level of compensation to
- 18 be decided upon, by the executive director.
- (h) The authority shall coordinate the consideration of a
- 20 single payer universal health system for the state which shall
- 21 be pursued by implementing planning and strategies for:

| 1  | (1)        | Monitoring the number of uninsured people in the       |
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| 2  |            | state;   |
| 3  | (2)        | Tracking demographics on who is uninsured in the       |
| 4  |            | state;   |
| 5  | (3)        | Coordinating and refining the map of all health care   |
| 6  |            | related resources geographically;                      |
| 7  | (4)        | Coordinating the institution of a statewide electronic |
| 8  |            | record-keeping system;                                 |
| 9  | (5)        | Monitoring the cost of health insurance to:            |
| 10 |            | (A) Businesses; and                                    |
| 11 |            | (B) Private individuals;                               |
| 12 |            | and  |
| 13 | (6)        | Annually reporting all findings and recommendations    |
| 14 |            | for legislation to the legislature not less than       |
| 15 |            | twenty days prior to the beginning of each regular     |
| 16 |            | session, commencing with the 2007 regular session.     |
| 17 | (i)        | The Hawaii health authority may establish working      |
| 18 | groups as  | needed. Working group members may include persons who  |
| 19 | are not me | embers of the public advisory body.                    |
| 20 | (j)        | The working group members shall serve without          |
| 21 | compensati | ion.   |

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- 2 necessary for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
- 5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the
- 6 Hawaii health authority to carry out the purposes of this Act,
- 7 including contracting for services and studies as necessary.
- 8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
- 9 Hawaii's John A. Burns school of medicine for the purposes of
- 10 this Act.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006, and
- 12 shall be repealed on June 30, 2020.

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### Report Title:

Hawaii Health Authority

### Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) to provide health care for all Hawaii citizens.