
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that inadequate dental
2 care is a serious matter and has been identified as one of the
3 major health concerns for low-income adults and children,
4 individuals with developmental disabilities, and the uninsured.
5 These individuals continually face great challenges in obtaining
6 dental care services in an appropriate and timely manner, and
7 the legislature finds this to be unacceptable.

8 The legislature further finds that federally-qualified
9 health centers are the most appropriate and efficient entities
10 in which to establish community-based dental clinics that will
11 provide a continuum of dental care based on best practices for
12 QUEST-eligible adults and children, individuals with
13 developmental disabilities, and the uninsured.

14 The purpose of this Act is to improve the State's ability
15 to address this dental health crisis by appropriating funds to
16 the Hawaii primary care association to establish or expand
17 community-based dental health clinics operated by federally-
18 qualified health centers to serve this population.



Report Title:

Dental Health

Description:

Appropriates funds for a grant-in-aid to Hawaii Primary Care Association to establish or expand community-based dental health clinics that are operated by federally-qualified health centers to provide a continuum of dental care to QUEST-eligible adults and children, the developmentally disabled, and the uninsured.

