
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the island of Maui
3 needs additional acute care beds and services. In 2004, the
4 Hawaii Health Information Corporation published a document
5 entitled "Maui Bed Needs Study, 2005 - 2025" in collaboration
6 with Kaiser Permanente, Malulani Health Systems, Inc., the Maui
7 county mayor's office, the Maui Memorial Medical Center, and the
8 state health planning and development agency. The Maui Bed
9 Needs Study used scientific methodologies to predict the number
10 of additional beds needed in the near term.

11 The legislature also finds that the Maui community wants to
12 have a greater say in the health care planning process for the
13 island. The purpose of this part is to empower the citizens of
14 the county of Maui by creating the Maui health initiative task
15 force to develop a comprehensive strategic health plan and by
16 expediting the approval of new acute care facilities and medical
17 or emergency services on the island of Maui.



1 SECTION 2. Maui health initiative task force. (a) There
2 is created the temporary Maui health initiative task force
3 within the state health planning and development agency for
4 administrative purposes to develop a comprehensive strategic
5 health plan for the county of Maui. The state health planning
6 and development agency and the department of health shall
7 provide technical and administrative support to the task force.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of fifteen members to be
9 appointed without regard to section 26-34, Hawaii Revised
10 Statutes, as follows:

11 (1) The mayor of Maui shall appoint seven members who are
12 residents of various regions of Maui, including east,
13 west, central, upcountry, south, Molokai, and Lanai;

14 (2) The president of the senate shall appoint four
15 members; and

16 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives shall
17 appoint four members.

18 Members shall have diverse backgrounds and experiences,
19 including health care (such as acute care, long term care,
20 emergency medical services, and higher education as related to
21 health care professions), finance, planning, or as a consumer.
22 At least one member shall have statewide experience. No member



1 shall be employed by the department of health or the state
2 health planning and development agency attached to the
3 department of health. Members shall not receive compensation
4 but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in
5 carrying out their duties, including travel expenses.

6 (c) The task force shall develop a comprehensive strategic
7 health plan for the county of Maui that will:

8 (1) Determine the current and future health care needs of
9 Maui county;

10 (2) Develop an integrated plan for providing health care,
11 including primary, acute, and long-term care, urgent
12 and emergency care, and disaster preparedness; and

13 (3) Determine an appropriate role for Maui county health
14 care facilities within the statewide system of
15 emergency and trauma care.

16 (d) The task force may contract for services to obtain
17 necessary information, data, and analysis. The task force shall
18 utilize the Maui Bed Needs Study in its deliberations. The
19 state health planning and development agency shall expedite any
20 contracts required under chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

21 (e) The task force shall submit its final report,
22 including findings, recommendations, and any necessary proposed



1 legislation, to the legislature, the mayor of Maui county, and
2 the state health planning and development agency no later than
3 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
4 2008. Within sixty days of receipt of the task force's report,
5 the state health planning and development agency shall integrate
6 the report into the activities of the tri-isle subarea health
7 planning council.

8 (f) The task force shall convene its first meeting no
9 later than July 15, 2007, and shall terminate on June 30, 2008.

10 SECTION 3. Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding,
11 the state health planning and development agency shall grant
12 expedited review to any application for a certificate of need
13 whose health care service area is within Maui County that
14 demonstrates financial viability and meets the Hawaii health
15 performance plan relating to Maui county as revised pursuant to
16 section 2(e). Any required hearings or reviews shall be held in
17 Maui county.

18 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the
21 operation of the Maui health initiative task force to carry out
22 the purposes of this part.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state health
2 planning and development agency for the purposes of this part.

3 PART II

4 SECTION 5. The legislature finds that the State's rapidly
5 aging population will significantly increase the demand for
6 health care services and long-term care. Regrettably, there is
7 a growing shortage of health care professionals in Hawaii,
8 especially on the neighbor islands and in rural areas. The
9 problem is further aggravated by the fact that, as the State
10 loses essential health care providers, the current health care
11 workforce continues to age, exacerbating the growing shortage of
12 providers. Low reimbursement rates, issues related to living
13 and working in remote communities, challenging working
14 conditions, and the cost of medical malpractice insurance also
15 continue to create barriers to recruitment and retention of
16 health care providers, especially in certain specialty areas.

17 While providing adequate health insurance for all of the
18 people in the State remains a challenge, the health care
19 workforce shortage will continue to leave many without access to
20 appropriate care. A fully staffed, well-trained health care
21 workforce is a key component in providing quality health care
22 for all Hawaii residents.



1 The purpose of this part is to develop and maintain a
2 secure statewide comprehensive health care workforce map and
3 database, to identify healthcare workforce shortages through
4 2020, and to develop a plan to improve any workforce shortages.
5 Nurses are exempt, as Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003,
6 creates a center for nursing that addresses nursing workforce
7 issues. Like the nursing shortage, workforce shortages in other
8 health care professions must be seen as a long-term problem.
9 Developing expertise within the State will be cost-effective
10 over time. Therefore, a partnership between the state health
11 planning and development agency and the University of Hawaii
12 will be an important element in creating solutions to the health
13 care workforce shortage problem.

14 SECTION 6. The John A. Burns school of medicine, in
15 cooperation with the state health planning and development
16 agency, shall:

- 17 (1) Compile and analyze existing data on the supply and
18 distribution of licensed health care practitioners,
19 technicians, and other health care workers in the
20 State by profession, specialty, and practice location;
- 21 (2) Develop projections through 2020 of the workforce
22 supply and demand to identify shortages;



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Report Title:

Health Care Workforce Database; Supply, Demand, and Distribution

Description:

Creates a temporary Maui health initiative task force to develop a comprehensive strategic health plan for Maui county. Requires the John A. Burns school of medicine to develop and maintain a statewide comprehensive health care workforce map and database on supply, demand, and distribution, by specialty and practice location. Makes an appropriation. (CD1)

