
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

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

PART I

1
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 by the governor without regard to section 26-34, from
10 nominees selected as follows:

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

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

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

18 Members shall have diverse backgrounds and experiences,
19 including health care, finance, or as a consumer. At least one
20 member shall have statewide experience. No member shall have a
21 conflict of interest or any financial stake in any existing or
22 proposed health care facility in Maui county, including direct



1 involvement in administration or management. No member shall be
2 employed by the department of health or any agency attached to
3 the department of health. Members shall not receive
4 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses
5 incurred in carrying out their duties, including travel
6 expenses.

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

- 9 (1) Determine the current and future health care needs of
10 Maui county;
- 11 (2) Develop an integrated plan for providing health care,
12 including primary, acute, and long-term care, urgent
13 and emergency care, and disaster preparedness; and
- 14 (3) Determine an appropriate role for Maui county health
15 care facilities within the statewide system of
16 emergency and trauma care.

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



1 (e) The task force shall submit its final report,
2 including findings, recommendations, and any necessary proposed
3 legislation, to the legislature, the mayor of Maui county, and
4 the state health planning and development agency no later than
5 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
6 2008. Within sixty days of receipt of the task force's report,
7 the state health planning and development agency shall integrate
8 the report into the Hawaii health performance plan.

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

11 SECTION 3. Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding
12 and without regard to part V of chapter 323D, Hawaii Revised
13 Statutes, the state health planning and development agency shall
14 grant expedited approval to any application for a certificate of
15 need for a health care facility or hospital or medical or
16 emergency services in Maui county that demonstrates financial
17 viability and meets the Hawaii health performance plan relating
18 to Maui county. Any required hearings or reviews shall be held
19 in Maui county.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the state health
21 planning and development special fund the sum of \$ or so
22 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for



1 the operation of the Maui health initiative task force to carry
2 out the purposes of this part.

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

5 PART II

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

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



1 workforce is a key component in providing quality health care
2 for all Hawaii residents.

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

16 SECTION 6. The John A. Burns School of Medicine, in
17 cooperation with the state health planning and development
18 agency, shall:

- 19 (1) Compile and analyze existing data on the supply and
20 distribution of licensed health care practitioners,
21 technicians, and other health care workers in the
22 State by profession, specialty, and practice location;



- 1 (2) Develop projections through 2020 of the workforce
- 2 supply and demand to identify shortages;
- 3 (3) Develop a plan to address and reduce any identified
- 4 shortages of health care workers;
- 5 (4) Develop a plan to collect and systematically update
- 6 the data; and
- 7 (5) Ensure that data collected is accurate and secure and
- 8 that data specific to any practitioner is disclosed
- 9 only with the express written consent of the
- 10 practitioner.

11 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the state health
12 planning and development agency special fund the sum of \$
13 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008
14 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for
15 fiscal year 2008-2009 for the John A. Burns school of medicine
16 to develop and maintain a statewide comprehensive health care
17 workforce map and database, identify health care workforce
18 shortages through 2020, and develop a plan to improve any
19 workforce shortages pursuant to this part.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University
21 of Hawaii for the purposes of this part.

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 appropriations. (SD2)

