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### 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 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) 7 is established within the department of budget and finance for 8 administrative purposes the Hawaii health authority. 9 authority shall be an autonomous public body corporate and 10 politic and an instrumentality of the State. 11 (b) The authority shall be composed of nine members 12 appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34; provided 13 that three members shall be appointed from a list of nominees 14 submitted by the speaker of the house of representatives and 15 three members shall be appointed from a list of nominees

submitted by the president of the senate. All members shall be

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- 1 appointed for terms of four years each. The authority shall
- 2 elect a chairperson from among its members.
- 3 (c) The authority may appoint an executive director who
- 4 shall be exempt from chapters 76, 78, and 89.
- 5 (d) Each member shall hold office until the member's
- 6 successor is appointed and qualified.
- 7 (e) Five members shall constitute a quorum, whose
- 8 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all valid actions by the
- 9 authority.
- 10 § -2 Hawaii health authority; duties and
- 11 responsibilities. (a) The authority shall be responsible for
- 12 overall health planning for the State and shall be responsible
- 13 for determining future capacity needs of health providers,
- 14 facilities, equipment, and support services providers.
- 15 (b) The authority shall develop a comprehensive health
- 16 plan for all individuals in the State that includes:
- 17 (1) Establishment of eligibility requirements;
- 18 (2) Establishment of the scope of reimbursable services to
- be paid by the authority;
- 20 (3) Establishment of qualifications for providers of
- 21 services participating in the health plan;

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- (4) Evaluation of health care and cost effectiveness of
  all aspects of the health plan; and
- 3 (5) Establishment of a budget for the health plan.
- 4 (c) The authority may seek waivers of federal laws, rules,
- 5 or regulations necessary to implement and maintain the
- 6 provisions of this chapter.
- 7 (d) The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
- 8 necessary for the purposes of this chapter.
- 9 (e) The authority shall submit a comprehensive health plan
- 10 for all individuals in the State, including findings,
- 11 recommendations, and proposed implementing legislation, to the
- 12 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
- 13 the regular session of 2011."
- 14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and
- 17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 18 year 2010-2011 for the purpose of operating the Hawaii health
- 19 authority.
- SECTION 3. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
- 21 department of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

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- 1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
- 2 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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### Report Title:

Universal Health Care; Hawaii Health Authority; Appropriation

### Description:

Establishes the Hawaii health authority to develop a health plan to provide healthcare coverage for all individuals in the State and makes an appropriation therefor. Requires report to 2011 regular session of the legislature.