A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAID.

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

1	PART I		
2	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii must comply		
3	with federal health reform legislation requirements by 2014,		
. 4	including mandating physician reimbursements for outcomes rath		
5	than transactions. The legislature is therefore interested in		
6	authorizing and evaluating health and wellness alternatives that		
7	reduce the incidence of chronic disease, support medicaid and		
8	QUEST recipients in adopting and maintaining healthier		
9	lifestyles, and reduce the costs of health care expenditures		
10	associated with emergency care and other hospital-based		
11	treatments for avoidable chronic diseases.		
12	The legislature further finds that various programs and		
13	practices can be used for inspiration when developing a pilot		
14	program. Kokua Kalihi Valley's healthy eating and lifestyle		
15	program is a culturally-informed diabetes self-management		
16	education class aimed at persons of Pacific descent that		
17	includes a communal garden component in the program. This and		
18	other land-based programs that focus on wellness activities may		

- 1 be able to prevent or reduce chronic illness. Integrating
- 2 nutrition, exercise, and medical best practices not currently
- 3 covered by health insurance can be used to achieve significant
- 4 and positive results for patient health. Education, counseling,
- 5 and other best practices not currently covered by health
- 6 insurance can be used to reduce childhood obesity. The
- 7 legislature finds that childhood obesity has increased
- 8 significantly in Hawaii and across the nation, and must be
- 9 addressed in a significant way in order to avoid an epidemic of
- 10 early onset diabetes and other chronic diseases. Finally,
- 11 complementary and alternative medicine and healing can be used
- 12 to promote good health and wellness.
- 13 The legislature also finds that during the last legislative
- 14 session, QUEST faced an extensive budgetary shortfall.
- 15 Fortunately, the legislature was able to pass an emergency
- 16 appropriation measure so that contracted QUEST plans would
- 17 continue to receive payment in a timely manner. The legislature
- 18 believes it would be prudent to establish a legislative task
- 19 force to examine issues relating to medicaid shortfalls, and to
- 20 work toward a goal of preventing future shortfalls in the
- 21 program.
- The purpose of this Act is to:

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1	(1) Establish a wellness pilot program within medicaid;
2	and
3	(2) Establish a joint legislative task force on medicaid.
4	PART II
5	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
8	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9	year 2012-2013 for the creation of a wellness pilot program for
10	medicaid recipients or QUEST members.
11	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
12	of human services for the purposes of this Act.
13	PART III
14	SECTION 3. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
15	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
16	as follows:
17	"CHAPTER
18	JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON MEDICAID
19	§ -1 Joint legislative task force on medicaid; authority
20	to establish. (a) The president of the senate and the speaker
21	of the house of representatives may, from time to time, convene
22	a joint legislative task force on medicaid to examine issues

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    relating to medicaid shortfalls, including the medicaid buy-in
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    program for working people with disabilities.
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         (b)
              The chairs of the committee on human services of the
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    respective houses of the legislature shall co-chair the task
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    force.
              The task force shall consist of the following:
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              Representatives from the committees on human services
              of the respective houses of the legislature;
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              The director of human services, or the director's
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              designee;
              The director of health, or the director's designee;
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              The director of commerce and consumer affairs, or the
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              director's designee;
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              A representative from Hawaii Medical Service
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              Association:
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              A representative from Kaiser Permanente;
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              A representative from AlohaCare;
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              A representative from Ohana Health Plan;
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              A representative from Evercare;
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              A representative from the Hawaii Primary Care
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              Association;
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1	(11)	A representative from the Healthcare Association of
2		Hawaii;
3	(12)	A representative from the Hawaii Medical Association;
4	(13)	A representative from Kalihi-Palama Health Center;
5	(14)	A representative from Hawaii Medical Center;
6	(15)	A representative from Mental Health America of Hawaii
7	(16)	A representative from Avalon Health Care Group;
8	(17)	A representative from the Hawaii Diatectic
9		Association;
10	(18)	A representative from Faith Action for Community
11		Equity Hawaii;
12	(19)	A representative from PHOCUSED;
13	(20)	A representative from YMCA of Honolulu; and
14	(21)	A representative from AARP Hawaii;
15	(d)	The task force may conduct meetings, briefings, and
16	hearings,	as appropriate, and recommend legislation pursuant
17	thereto."	
18		PART IV
19	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
20	provided	that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2011.
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Report Title:

Medicaid; HMS; QUEST; Wellness; Pilot Program; Task Force; Appropriation

Description:

Creates a wellness pilot program within medicaid; appropriates funds. Establishes a joint legislative task force to examine issues relating to medicaid shortfalls. (SD2)

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