THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO.**594**

JAN 21 2011

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) There
7	is established within the office of the governor for
8	administrative purposes the Hawaii health authority. The
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:
14	(1) Two members shall represent the health industry;
15	(2) Two members shall be practicing physicians;
16	(3) Two members shall represent public health; and
17	(4) Three members shall represent the community at large.



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All members shall be appointed for terms of four years each and
 each member shall hold office until the member's successor is
 appointed.

4 The authority shall elect a chairperson from among its
5 members. Five members shall constitute a quorum, whose
6 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all valid actions by the
7 authority.

8 The members shall serve without compensation but may be 9 reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in 10 the performance of their duties.

(c) The authority may appoint and set the salary of an
executive director who shall be exempt from chapters 76, 78, and
89.

15 responsibilities. (a) The authority shall be responsible for 16 overall health planning for the State and shall provide guidance 17 to the governor and the director of health.

-2 Hawaii health authority; duties and

18 (b) The authority shall develop a comprehensive health19 plan to include:

20 (1) Current and long-term capacity needs of health
 21 providers, facilities, equipment, and support services
 22 providers;



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1	(2)	Recommendations for implementation of the federal
2		Affordable Care Act of 2010;
3	(3)	Recommendations for implementation of a health
4		insurance exchange;
5	(4)	Recommendations for implementation of the Hawaiʻi
6		Health Information Exchange (HHIE);
7	(5)	Initiatives to increase the number of primary care
8		physicians in Hawaii, including loan repayment
9		programs to maximize federal support;
10	(6)	Recommendations regarding patient-centered medical
11		homes; and
12	(7)	Other health related recommendations and initiatives,
13		as appropriate.
14	(c)	The authority may seek waivers of federal laws, rules,
15	or regula	tions necessary to implement and maintain the
16	provision	s of this chapter.
17	(d)	The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
18	necessary	for the purposes of this chapter.
19	(e)	The authority shall submit a comprehensive health
20	plan, inc	luding findings, recommendations, budget requirements,
21	and propo	sed implementing legislation, to the governor, the
22	director (of health, and the legislature no later than twenty
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days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2013, and 1 annual updates to the plan beginning in 2014." 2

There is appropriated out of the general 3 SECTION 2. revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much 4 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the 5 6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Hawaii health authority, including personnel 7 8 costs, contracts for services, and other expenses of the 9 authority.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of 11 the governor for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 544

Report Title:

Hawaii Health Authority; Establishment; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a nine-member Hawaii health authority within the office of the governor; establishes responsibilities and duties of the authority; requires annual reports; appropriates funds for the expenses of the authority.

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