

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION.

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

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1	SECT	ION 1. The legislature finds that health educators
2	often wor	k with hospital patients, elementary and secondary
3	school-ag	ed children, and community residents receiving primary,
4	secondary	, and tertiary prevention levels of health care. The
5	regulatio	n of health educators will ensure that:
6	(1)	Recipients of their specialized work receive quality
7		services at the primary, secondary, and tertiary
8		levels of health care, including program assessments,
9		evaluations, planning and implementation of health
10		education services, and professional consultation and
11		management services;
12	(2)	Health educators meet minimum competency requirements
13		in the profession, similar to requirements existing
14		for other health care and educational professionals;
15		and

(3) Members of the public, other members of the profession, and the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc., which currently

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1	maintains two levels of credentialed health educators,
2	certified health education specialists, and master
3	certified health education specialists, will be able
4	to assist in maintaining quality standards in the
5	health educator profession, by means of reporting
6	ethics violations or disciplinary action to the
7	applicable state regulatory agency.
8	For the reasons above, the purpose of this Act is to
9	require the auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis of the
10	regulation of health educators to help protect the public
11	health, safety, and welfare.
12	SECTION 2. The auditor shall perform a sunrise analysis of
13	the regulation of educators, including the probable effects of
14	such regulation, an assessment of whether the enactment of such
15	regulation is consistent with the policies set forth in section
16	26H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and an assessment of alternate
17	forms of regulation.
18	The auditor shall submit findings and recommendations,
19	including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
20	than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
21	of 2014.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Sunrise Analysis; Health Educators; Health Education

Description:

Requires the Auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis of the regulation of health educators. Effective July 1, 2013.

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