## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF EXEMPT PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 346-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "\$346-2 Appointment of personnel. (a) The director of
- 4 human services shall appoint such personnel in conformity with
- 5 law as the director deems necessary. All employees of the
- 6 department of human services, except as otherwise provided in
- 7 this section, shall be appointed subject to any civil service
- 8 law relating to state employees; in the event there is no civil
- 9 service law in effect, then in accordance with a merit system
- 10 meeting applicable federal requirement; provided that in the
- 11 event of any conflict between applicable mandatory federal
- 12 requirements and any state civil service law or regulations, the
- 13 former requirements shall prevail.
- (b) The director may appoint and employ, exempt from
- 15 chapter 76, a division administrator, branch and office
- 16 administrators, a finance officer, a research officer, a privacy
- 17 and security compliance officer, a health information technology

- 1 officer, physicians, pharmacists, and dentists; prescribe their
- 2 duties and qualifications; and fix their salaries, when in the
- 3 determination of the director the services to be performed are
- 4 unique and essential to the execution of the functions of the
- 5 state medical assistance programs."
- 6 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

## Report Title:

Position Exemptions; Department of Human Services

## Description:

Authorizes the director of human services to appoint and employ professional staff, not subject to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, when in the determination of the director the services to be performed are unique and essential to the execution of the functions of the state medical assistance programs. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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