A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 451D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 3 and to read as follows:
- 4 "§451D- Continuing medical education; unique health
- 5 issues. (a) The respective boards of every health care
- 6 profession covered under this chapter shall require their
- 7 licensees to take an annual continuing medical education course
- 8 on health issues that are unique to the State, which shall
- 9 include reportable infectious diseases such as dengue fever,
- 10 zika virus, chikungunya virus, leptospirosis, and rat lungworm
- 11 disease. The course shall focus on symptoms, diagnosis,
- 12 testing, treatment, and reporting requirements.
- 13 (b) The department of health shall develop the course in
- 14 consultation with the Hawaii medical board, who shall review the
- 15 course content annually and recommend any changes or updates to
- 16 the content. The respective boards shall offer the course to

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- 1 their licensees and may also determine the mode of its delivery,
- 2 <u>including</u> the use of online services.
- 3 (c) The continuing medical education requirement
- 4 established under this section shall be in addition to any other
- 5 continuing education requirements that are applicable to the
- 6 health care professional."
- 7 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Health Care Professionals; Continuing Medical Education

Description:

Requires health care professionals to take a continuing medical education course in health issues unique to Hawaii. Requires the DOH to develop the course, in consultation with the Hawaii medical board.

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