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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the office of health
2 care assurance is the State's regulatory agency that performs
3 onsite licensing inspections of all health care facilities in
4 Hawaii to ensure the health and safety of the public and
5 facility compliance with licensing requirements. The office of
6 health care assurance's current licensure and survey process is
7 highly manual, as license applications and required information
8 are usually submitted in hardcopy form. Also, some surveyors
9 use manual writing utensils and reference materials to conduct
10 and document survey inspections, then type them and mail them to
11 applicants and licensees.

12 Pursuant to Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, the
13 department of health is required to post on its website
14 electronic copies of reports for all inspections it performs
15 beginning on January 1, 2015, of certain state-licensed care
16 facilities. However, the law implies that these reports must be
17 scanned copies of hardcopy reports, rather than electronic
18 reports uploaded directly to the website. The legislature finds



1 that these are examples of processes that can be improved
2 through automation and technology.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
4 modernize the office of health care assurance's business
5 processes to include the implementation of a robust management
6 information system, computer-based survey processes, adequate
7 data capture and report generation, and streamlined business
8 transactions.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
13 year 2016-2017 to modernize the office of health care
14 assurance's business processes to include the implementation of
15 a robust management information system, computer-based survey
16 processes, adequate data capture and report generation, and
17 streamlined business transactions.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
19 information management and technology for the purposes of this
20 Act.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Office of Health Care Assurance; Business Transformation;
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Description:

Appropriates funds to modernize the office of health care assurance's business processes, including the implementation of a robust management information system, computer-based survey processes, adequate data capture and report generation, and streamlined business transactions.

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