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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that health care-
2 associated infections obtained while receiving medical treatment
3 in a health care facility are a threat to patient safety.
4 Hospital-acquired infections cause close to 100,000 deaths each
5 year in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease
6 Control and Prevention, on any given day about one in twenty-
7 five hospital patients has at least one health care-associated
8 infection. The total cost of health care-associated infections
9 to hospitals nationwide has been estimated at almost
10 \$33,000,000,000 per year.

11 The legislature further finds that each year, the
12 department of health publishes the Healthcare-Associated
13 Infections in Hawaii report that contains valuable information
14 about how hospitals across the State are doing with regard to
15 health care-associated infections. However, the legislature
16 also finds that the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii



1 report is not easily accessible, and the information in the
2 report is not disseminated in a way that benefits patients.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to help prevent
4 health care-associated infections by requiring the department of
5 health to create a user-friendly web portal to make available to
6 the public information from the annual Healthcare-Associated
7 Infections in Hawaii report.

8 SECTION 2. The department of health shall create and
9 maintain a public, online data portal of health care-associated
10 infection data published annually in the Healthcare-Associated
11 Infections in Hawaii report. By January 1, 2018, the health
12 care-associated infection portal shall be accessible online,
13 available to the public, and updated on an annual basis. In
14 addition to providing all information from the Healthcare-
15 Associated Infections in Hawaii report, the information portal
16 shall enable a user to:

- 17 (1) Search the database by type of infection to determine
18 the prevalence of the infection in the State;
19 (2) Search the database by hospital to determine number of
20 infections and hospital performance compared to
21 national data; and



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(3) Search for ways to prevent specific health care-associated infections.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Health Care-Associated Infections; Hospital Infection; Online Portal

Description:

Requires the department of health to create and maintain an online information portal making available to the public by January 1, 2018, the information published annually in the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report. Requires the department to update the portal annually.

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