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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEPSIS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that sepsis is an  
2 inflammatory response to a severe infection that can quickly  
3 progress to multisystem organ failure and death. Early  
4 recognition and intensive treatment are crucial to decreasing  
5 morbidity and mortality from sepsis. However, sepsis is not a  
6 reportable condition, and there is no single diagnostic test  
7 that identifies cases of sepsis.

8           The legislature also finds that public education about  
9 sepsis symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and preventative measures  
10 is lacking because sepsis is a clinical syndrome with many  
11 causes that requires diagnosis by a clinician. Despite the lack  
12 of public education about sepsis, groups such as the Centers for  
13 Disease Control and Prevention and Sepsis Alliance work to  
14 promote sepsis awareness. Currently, there is no organization  
15 in Hawaii dedicated to provide education about, and raise  
16 awareness of, sepsis.



1           Via the passing of house concurrent resolution no. 202,  
2 S.D. 1 (2014), the legislature expressed its commitment to  
3 support preventative measures to address the rising health  
4 problem of sepsis and established the state sepsis task force.  
5 Specifically, house concurrent resolution no. 202, S.D. 1 (2014)  
6 requested that the director of health convene the task force to  
7 recommend ways to reduce incidents of sepsis and sepsis deaths  
8 in the State, and charged that the findings and recommendations  
9 of the task force be considered, and incorporated as feasible,  
10 as part of a comprehensive plan to be developed by the  
11 department of health. In its January 2015 report to the  
12 legislature, the sepsis task force recommended the adoption of  
13 sepsis educational materials and initiatives by health care  
14 facilities.

15           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a  
16 pilot project to provide education about, and raise awareness  
17 of, sepsis in Hawaii.

18           SECTION 2. (a) The department of health shall conduct a  
19 one-year pilot project to provide education about, and raise  
20 awareness of, sepsis across the State.

21           (b) The pilot project shall:



1           (1) Encourage the adoption of sepsis educational material  
2                   and initiatives by healthcare facilities in the State;  
3                   and

4           (2) Disseminate current best practices to healthcare  
5                   facilities in the State regarding sepsis early  
6                   recognition and intervention.

7           (c) The department of health shall submit a report of its  
8           findings and recommendations relating to the execution and  
9           outcome of the pilot project, including any proposed  
10          legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
11          to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

12          SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
13          revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
14          thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for a  
15          one-year pilot project to provide education about, and raise  
16          awareness of, sepsis across the State.

17          The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
18          health for the purposes of this Act.



# S.B. NO. 188

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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# S.B. NO. 188

**Report Title:**

Department of Health; Sepsis; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the DOH to conduct a one-year pilot project for sepsis education and awareness. Appropriates funds.

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