
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DIABETES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Diabetes is one of the biggest public health
2 challenges facing Americans. According to the American Diabetes
3 Association, in 2012, over twenty-nine million children and
4 adults in the United States, 9.3 per cent of the population,
5 have diabetes. In Hawaii nearly six hundred thousand people are
6 living with prediabetes or diabetes, affecting one in three
7 individuals. This translates to over 154,000 people with
8 diabetes and an additional 442,000, or 41.5 per cent, of the
9 adult population with prediabetes. Diabetes is the seventh
10 leading cause of death in Hawaii and nationwide. Diabetes is a
11 major cause of heart disease and stroke.

12 The legislature finds that prevention measures that inform
13 and educate the public about the risks associated with diabetes
14 will help people achieve better outcomes and mitigate the high
15 cost to the health care system.



1 The purpose of this Act is to create a task force aimed at
2 diabetes prevention, management, and reduction of the impact of
3 diabetes in the state.

4 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the diabetes
5 prevention and management task force. The director of health,
6 or the director's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of
7 the diabetes prevention and management task force. The director
8 of health, or the director's designee, may designate a task
9 force vice chairperson.

10 (b) The task force shall:

11 (1) Develop and recommend legislation related to the
12 prevention of diabetes;

13 (2) Assemble accurate research and fiscal and demographic
14 information to support policy development and track
15 outcomes on diabetes prevention; and

16 (3) Research other state and county organizational policy
17 agendas and best practices related to diabetes
18 prevention policies.

19 (c) The task force shall comprise the following members:

20 (1) A representative appointed by the governor;

21 (2) The director of health or the director's designee;



1 (3) The director of human services or the director's
2 designee;

3 (4) A representative from the University of Hawaii
4 department of public health sciences;

5 (5) A representative from the American Diabetes
6 Association;

7 (6) The speaker of the house of representatives or the
8 speaker's designee; and

9 (7) The senate president or the president's designee.

10 (d) No members of the diabetes prevention and management
11 task force shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised
12 Statutes, solely because of that member's participation on the
13 task force.

14 (e) The task force shall meet at least monthly from July
15 2017 to November 2017.

16 (f) The task force shall report its findings and
17 recommendations on diabetes prevention and management, including
18 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
19 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
20 2018. This report shall include:



- 1 (1) The financial impact and reach of diabetes of all
2 types on the department of health, the department of
3 human services, as well as the population statewide
4 and in specific areas of the state, including:
- 5 (A) The number of people with diabetes receiving
6 services provided by each department;
- 7 (B) The number of people with diabetes and family
8 members reached via diabetes prevention and
9 control programs implemented by each department;
- 10 (C) The financial impact of diabetes and its
11 complications on each department; and
- 12 (D) The financial impact of diabetes and its
13 complications on each department in comparison to
14 other chronic diseases and conditions;
- 15 (2) The benefits of implemented programs and activities
16 aimed at preventing or controlling diabetes. This
17 assessment shall document the amount and source of any
18 funding directed to each department for programs and
19 activities aimed at reaching those with diabetes;
- 20 (3) The level of coordination among the departments and
21 the divisions and agencies thereof on activities,



1 programmatic activities, and messaging related to the
2 management, treatment, or prevention of all forms of
3 diabetes and its complications;

4 (4) The development or revision of a detailed action plan
5 for preventing and controlling diabetes with a range
6 of actionable items for consideration by the
7 legislature. The plan shall identify proposed actions
8 to reduce the impact of all forms of diabetes, pre-
9 diabetes, and complications related to diabetes;
10 identify expected outcomes of the proposed actions in
11 the following biennium; and establish benchmarks for
12 preventing and controlling relevant forms of diabetes,
13 reducing the incidence of diabetes, improving diabetes
14 care, and controlling complications associated with
15 diabetes; and

16 (5) The development of a detailed budget proposal
17 identifying needs, costs, and resources required to
18 implement the plan pursuant to paragraph (4) of this
19 subsection. This proposal shall include a budget
20 range for each proposed action presented in the plan



1 pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection for
2 consideration by the legislature.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Department of Health; Diabetes Prevention Management Task Force

Description:

Establishes the Diabetes Prevention and Management Task Force.
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