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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO EPIDEMIOLOGISTS.

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

1       SECTION 1. During the regular session of 2017, the  
2       legislature appropriated funding to the department of health to  
3       establish an eleventh epidemiologist position. However, section  
4       321-4.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, limits the director of health  
5       to establishing only up to ten permanent or temporary positions  
6       for epidemiologists, without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii  
7       Revised Statutes.

8       The purpose of this Act is to repeal section 321-4.3,  
9       Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide the director of health with  
10      greater operational flexibility.

11      SECTION 2. Section 321-4.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12      repealed.

13      ~~["§321-4.3] Epidemiologists. The department of health~~  
14      ~~may establish up to ten permanent or temporary exempt positions~~  
15      ~~known as epidemiologists for the purpose of investigating~~  
16      ~~diseases and injuries which threaten the public health and~~



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1 ~~safety. The positions shall be appointed by the director~~  
2 ~~without regard to chapter 76."]~~

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Department of Health; Epidemiologists

**Description:**

Provides the Director of Health with operational flexibility by repealing the statute limiting the Director of Health to ten permanent or temporary exempt epidemiologist positions.

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