
A BILL FOR AN ACT

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 amend section 321-4.3, Hawaii
9 Revised Statutes, to provide the director of health with greater
10 operational flexibility.

11 SECTION 2. Section 321-4.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

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



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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Department of Health; Epidemiologists

Description:

Removes the cap on the number of epidemiologists the Department of Health may employ. (HB2493 HD1)

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