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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, inflation-adjusted cost of health care-
9 associated infections to hospitals nationwide has been estimated
10 at \$28,400,000,000 to \$45,000,000,000 per year.

11 The legislature further finds that each year, the
12 department of health publishes the Healthcare-Associated
13 Infections in Hawaii report, which 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, 2019, the health
12 care-associated infection portal shall be accessible online and
13 available to the public, and the portal shall be updated on an
14 annual basis. In addition to providing all information from the
15 Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report, the
16 information portal 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, 2019, the information published annually in the Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hawaii report. Requires the department to update the portal annually.

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