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S.B. NO. 2878

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Centers for
2 Disease Control and Prevention defines "Health in All Policies"
3 (HiAP) as "a collaborative approach that integrates and
4 articulates health considerations into policymaking across
5 sectors to improve the health of all communities and people.
6 HiAP recognizes that health is created by a multitude of factors
7 beyond healthcare and, in many cases, beyond the scope of
8 traditional public health activities". The HiAP approach was
9 introduced by the federal government with tools for states and
10 territories to improve health outcomes, and to be an effective
11 way to identify gaps in evidence and to achieve health equity.
12 The American Public Health Association states the goal of
13 HiAP is to "ensure that decision-makers are informed about the
14 health, equity, and sustainability consequences of various
15 policy options during the policy development process". The
16 implementation of HiAP requires the following five key
17 strategies:



- 1 (1) Engaging and visioning;
- 2 (2) Convening and collaborating;
- 3 (3) Developing a plan;
- 4 (4) Investing in change; and
- 5 (5) Tracking progress.

6 The legislature also finds that Act 155, Session Laws of
7 Hawaii 2014, added the "[e]limination of health disparities by
8 identifying and addressing social determinants of health" to the
9 State's objectives and policies in section 226-20(a), Hawaii
10 Revised Statutes, and Act 157, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014,
11 amended section 321-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding that
12 the department of health "shall pursue as a goal, the
13 achievement of health equity. The department shall consider
14 social determinants of health in the assessment of state needs
15 for health". These additions are consistent with HiAP goals to
16 achieve health equity across communities and to do so by
17 acknowledging and working collaboratively with governmental and
18 non-governmental sectors.

19 However, the legislature finds that further updating the
20 statutory description of the department of health's powers and
21 duties, to describe population-based public health programs and



1 employ multi-sectoral strategies to improve health outcomes,
2 would enhance the department's goal of health equity. Thus, the
3 purpose of this Act is to establish a working group to evaluate
4 and advise on updating the powers, duties, functions, and
5 responsibilities of the department of health relating to
6 specific programs and parts in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, to
7 align with population-based approaches to public health and
8 prevention that incorporate HiAP approaches and goals.

9 SECTION 2. (a) The department of health shall establish a
10 working group to examine and develop recommendations to include,
11 in the department of health's statutory powers, duties,
12 functions, and responsibilities, population-based approaches to
13 public health and prevention that recognize that health is
14 created by a multitude of factors beyond health care and
15 requires a collaborative approach.

16 (b) The members of the working group shall designate a
17 chairperson from among themselves.

18 (c) The working group shall submit a report of its
19 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
20 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days before
21 the convening of the regular session of 2019.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to
4 support the activities of the working group established pursuant
5 to this Act.

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.
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Report Title:

Department of Health; Working Group; Health in All Policies; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a working group to examine and advise on amendments that can be made to the department of health's statutory powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities to include population-based approaches to public health and prevention that recognize the multiple factors beyond health care and the collaborative approach required to create health. Appropriates funds to support the activities of the working group.

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