

JAN 27 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a more
2 coordinated and cost-effective statewide health planning and
3 resource development program.

4 SECTION 2. Section 323D-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "~~§~~323D-12 Health planning and development functions; state
7 agency. (a) The state agency [~~shall~~] may:

8 (1) Have as a principal function the responsibility for
9 promoting accessibility for all the people of the
10 State to quality health care services at reasonable
11 cost. The state agency [~~shall~~] may conduct such
12 studies and investigations as may be necessary as to
13 the causes of health care costs including inflation.
14 The state agency may contract for services to
15 implement this paragraph. The certificate of need
16 program mandated under part V [~~shall~~] may serve this
17 function. The state agency [~~shall~~] may promote the



1 sharing of facilities or services by health care
2 providers whenever possible to achieve economies and
3 [~~shall~~] may restrict unusual or unusually costly
4 services to individual facilities or providers where
5 appropriate;

6 (2) Serve as staff to and provide technical assistance and
7 advice to the statewide council and the subarea
8 councils in the preparation, review, and revision of
9 the state health services and facilities plan;

10 (3) Conduct the health planning activities of the State in
11 coordination with the subarea councils, implement the
12 state health services and facilities plan, and
13 determine the statewide health needs of the State
14 after consulting with the statewide council; and

15 (4) Administer the state certificate of need program
16 pursuant to part V.

17 (b) The state agency may:

18 (1) Prepare such reports and recommendations on Hawaii's
19 health care costs and public or private efforts to
20 reduce or control costs and health care quality as it
21 deems necessary. The report may include, but not be



1 limited to, a review of health insurance plans, the
2 availability of various kinds of health insurance and
3 malpractice insurance to consumers, and strategies for
4 increasing competition in the health insurance field.

5 (2) Prepare and revise as necessary the state health
6 services and facilities plan.

7 (3) Prepare, review, and revise the annual implementation
8 plan.

9 (4) Assist the statewide council in the performance of its
10 functions.

11 (5) Determine the need for new health services proposed to
12 be offered within the State.

13 (6) Assess existing health care services and facilities to
14 determine whether there are redundant, excessive, or
15 inappropriate services or facilities and make public
16 findings of any that are found to be so. The state
17 agency [~~shall~~] may weigh the costs of the health care
18 services or facilities against the benefits the
19 services or facilities provide and there [~~shall~~] may
20 be a negative presumption against marginal services.



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- 1 (7) Provide technical assistance to persons, public or
2 private, in obtaining and filling out the necessary
3 forms for the development of projects and programs.
- 4 (8) Prepare reports, studies, and recommendations on
5 emerging health issues, such as medical ethics, health
6 care rationing, involuntary care, care for the
7 indigent, and standards for research and development
8 of biotechnology and genetic engineering.
- 9 (9) Conduct such other activities as are necessary to meet
10 the purposes of this chapter."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

State Health Planning and Development Agency; Statewide Health Planning and Resource Development Program Reform

Description:

Provides flexibility to deploy statewide health planning and resource development programs and resources.

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