

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. (a) The department of health shall establish a
- 2 pilot program to provide free external wireless broadband
- 3 internet access, in parking lots adjoining department of health
- 4 buildings in each county, to elderly residents so they may
- 5 access internet-based healthcare services, including scheduling
- 6 medical appointments and remotely attending telehealth
- 7 appointments; provided that nothing in this Act shall be
- 8 construed as requiring the department of health to make any
- 9 department of health buildings open to the public during non-
- 10 business hours.
- 11 (b) The department of health shall provide to elderly
- 12 residents assistance and training in signing up for, and using,
- 13 electronic and internet-based healthcare services.
- 14 (c) The pilot program shall cease to exist on July 1,
- **15** 2024.
- 16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



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- 1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
- 2 the department of health to provide wireless broadband internet
- 3 access in each county pursuant to this Act.
- 4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 5 health for the purposes of this Act.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

DOH; Wireless Broadband Internet Access; Pilot Program; Appropriation

Description:

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