
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MIDWIVES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a home birth task
2 force under the Hawaii state commission on the status of women.

3 (b) The task force shall consist of not more than twelve
4 members and shall include:

5 (1) The director of commerce and consumer affairs, or the
6 director's designee;

7 (2) The director of health, or the director's designee;

8 (3) A representative from the Hawaii section of the
9 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists;

10 (4) A representative of the Healthcare Association of
11 Hawaii; and

12 (5) Members recommended by the Hawaii Home Birth
13 Collective LLC that represent the following
14 stakeholder groups: certified nurse midwife; certified
15 professional midwife; home birth elder; traditional or
16 cultural birth attendant; and a member of the public
17 that has used home birth services.



1 (c) The task force shall include representation from all
2 counties. The task force may recommend additional members with
3 appropriate expertise, to be approved by the chairperson.

4 (d) The task force shall elect a chairperson from among
5 the members of the task force.

6 (e) The task force shall investigate issues relating to
7 the midwifery regulatory scheme established by Act 32, Session
8 Laws of Hawaii 2019. The investigation shall include but not be
9 limited to the following:

10 (1) The accessibility of credentialing compliant with Act
11 32, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, to midwives in the
12 State;

13 (2) The number of applicants who would qualify or apply
14 for the exemption proposed by Senate Bill No. 2661,
15 Regular Session of 2022, as introduced; and

16 (3) How the exemption proposed by Senate Bill No. 2661
17 would be enforced by the department of commerce and
18 consumer affairs, Hawaii Home Birth Collective LLC, or
19 other enforcing entity.

20 (f) The members of the task force shall serve without
21 compensation. No member of the task force shall be made subject



1 to section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of
2 that member's participation on the task force. The task force
3 shall be exempt from part I, chapter 92, Hawaii Revised
4 Statutes.

5 (g) The Hawaii state commission on the status of women
6 shall provide administrative and clerical support required by
7 the task force.

8 (h) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
9 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
10 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the regular session of 2023.

12 (i) The home birth task force shall dissolve on June 30,
13 2023.

14 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Licensing of Midwives; Childbirth

Description:

Establishes the Home Birth Task Force to investigate outstanding issues relating to regulatory scheme created by Act 32, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019. (SD1)

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