
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that gender equality in
2 Hawaii is not achievable without an investment in reproductive
3 health care infrastructure, which includes the policies,
4 programs, and services needed for access and destigmatization.
5 Although the State protects reproductive health care rights,
6 hundreds of thousands of women and pregnant persons on neighbor
7 islands lack equal access to reproductive health care. Most
8 reproductive health care providers are located on the island of
9 Oahu, with some additional providers on Maui and Hawaii. Women
10 and pregnant persons on islands with limited or no reproductive
11 health care access and who need care are required to travel or
12 seek assistance via telehealth. The legislature's intent is to
13 ensure access to reproductive health care on all populated
14 islands of the State.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish and
16 provide funds for a reproductive health care access coordinator



1 to oversee efforts to provide all women and pregnant persons in
2 the State with equitable access to reproductive health care.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
5 to read as follows:

6 "PART . OFFICE OF THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS
7 COORDINATOR

8 §346- Office of the reproductive health care access
9 coordinator; established. (a) There is established the office
10 of the reproductive health care access coordinator, to be placed
11 within the department of human services for administrative
12 purposes.

13 (b) The office shall be headed by a reproductive health
14 care access coordinator, who shall be appointed by the director
15 without regard to chapters 76 and 89. The coordinator shall
16 appoint one administrative staff member, within available
17 appropriations, and without regard to chapters 76 and 89.

18 (c) The coordinator shall:
19 (1) Develop and administer a training program for eligible
20 licensed health care providers to facilitate



- 1 reproductive health care on every populated island in
2 the State;
- 3 (2) Develop and administer for eligible licensed health
4 care providers and their care teams a continuing
5 education program on best practices for reproductive
6 health care and patient management;
- 7 (3) Subsidize the cost of telehealth technology for
8 reproductive health care providers in the State who
9 demonstrate financial need;
- 10 (4) Coordinate and fund reproductive health care
11 providers' reasonable and necessary travel expenses so
12 that providers may provide rural and medically
13 underserved areas of neighbor islands with
14 reproductive health care and follow-up care;
- 15 (5) Establish and administer clinics in medically
16 underserved areas of neighbor islands to provide
17 reproductive health care services and information on
18 reproductive health;
- 19 (6) Identify state laws, rules, or administrative
20 practices that are barriers to the provision of
21 effective reproductive health care; and



1 (7) Submit a report of the coordinator's findings and
2 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
3 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
4 the convening of the regular session of 2025 and every
5 year thereafter."

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
10 year 2024-2025 to establish and fund the office of the
11 reproductive health care access coordinator, including:

- 12 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) coordinator
13 position;
- 14 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) administrative
15 position;
- 16 (3) Reasonable and necessary travel expenses for the
17 office staff and for reproductive health care
18 providers;
- 19 (4) The subsidization of telehealth technology costs for
20 reproductive health care providers; and



1 (5) Any other costs associated with implementing section 2
2 of this Act.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000;
6 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



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Report Title:

DHS; Office of the Reproductive Health Care Access Coordinator;
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Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for the Office of the
Reproductive Health Care Access Coordinator within the
Department of Human Services for administrative purposes.
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