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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Section 323D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
4 and to read as follows:

5 "Health care" means the improvement of a person's health  
6 through the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and amelioration  
7 or cure of disease, illness, injury, or other physical and  
8 mental impairment, regardless of the setting in which those  
9 services are delivered. "Health care" includes oral health,  
10 behavioral health, and long-term care."

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

13 **"§323D-12 Health planning and development functions; state**  
14 **agency.** (a) The state agency shall:

15 (1) Have as a principal function the responsibility for  
16 promoting [~~accessibility for all the people of the~~  
17 ~~State to quality health care services at reasonable~~



1 ~~cost. The state agency shall conduct such studies and~~  
2 ~~investigations as may be necessary as to the causes of~~  
3 ~~health care costs including inflation. The state~~  
4 ~~agency may contract for services to implement this~~  
5 ~~paragraph. The certificate of need program mandated~~  
6 ~~under part V shall serve this function. The state~~  
7 ~~agency shall promote the sharing of facilities or~~  
8 ~~services by health care providers whenever possible to~~  
9 ~~achieve economies and shall restrict unusual or~~  
10 ~~unusually costly services to individual facilities or~~  
11 ~~providers where appropriate;] universal access to~~  
12 ~~high-quality, equitable, and affordable health care~~  
13 ~~for all the people of the State;~~  
14 (2) ~~[Serve as staff to and provide technical assistance~~  
15 ~~and advice to the statewide council and the subarea~~  
16 ~~councils in the preparation, review, and revision of~~  
17 ~~the state health services and facilities plan;]~~  
18 ~~Provide, throughout state government, coordination of~~  
19 ~~activities and resources that affect health care~~  
20 ~~access, costs, and quality, including health insurance~~  
21 ~~coverage rates, health insurance benefits,~~



- 1           affordability, workforce health, reimbursements,  
2           quality, administrative simplification, workforce  
3           development, and health information technology;  
4           (3) ~~[Conduct the health planning activities of the State~~  
5           ~~in coordination with the subarea councils, implement~~  
6           ~~the state health services and facilities plan, and~~  
7           ~~determine the statewide health needs of the State~~  
8           ~~after consulting with the statewide council; and]~~  
9           Establish a state health services, workforce, and  
10           facilities plan and update that plan every four years  
11           following consultation with the statewide council;  
12           (4) Administer the state certificate of need program  
13           pursuant to part V[-], and serve as staff to and  
14           provide technical assistance and advice for the  
15           statewide council and subarea councils; and  
16           (5) The state agency shall submit the first state health  
17           services, workforce, and facilities plan developed  
18           pursuant to paragraph (3) to the legislature no later  
19           than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular  
20           session of 2026 and the updated plan no later than



1           twenty days prior to the convening of every fourth  
2           regular session of the legislature thereafter.

3           (b) The state agency may:

4           (1) Prepare [~~such~~] reports and recommendations on Hawaii's  
5 health care costs and public or private efforts to reduce or  
6 control costs and improve health care quality as [~~it~~] the state  
7 agency deems necessary. [~~The~~] A report may include[~~, but not be~~  
8 ~~limited to,~~] a review of health insurance plans[~~;~~]; the  
9 availability of various kinds of health insurance and  
10 malpractice insurance to consumers[~~;~~]; related health statistics  
11 as necessary to monitor and improve health care access,  
12 outcomes, equity, quality, costs, and cost-effectiveness; and  
13 strategies for increasing competition in the health insurance  
14 field[~~;~~]and across the health care delivery system;

15           [~~(2)~~] ~~Prepare and revise as necessary the state health~~  
16           ~~services and facilities plan.~~

17           [~~(3)~~] ~~Prepare, review, and revise the annual implementation~~  
18           ~~plan.~~

19           [~~(4)~~] (2) Assist the statewide council in the performance  
20           of its functions[~~;~~];



1        [~~5~~] (3) Determine the need for new health services  
2                    proposed to be offered within the State~~[-]~~;

3        [~~6~~] (4) Assess existing health care services and  
4                    facilities to determine whether there are redundant,  
5                    excessive, or inappropriate services or facilities and  
6                    make public findings of any that are found to be so.  
7                    The state agency shall weigh the costs of the health  
8                    care services or facilities against the benefits the  
9                    services or facilities provide and there shall be a  
10                    negative presumption against marginal services~~[-]~~;

11        [~~7~~] (5) Provide technical assistance to persons, public  
12                    or private, in obtaining and filling out the necessary  
13                    forms for the development of projects and programs~~[-]~~;

14        [~~8~~] (6) Prepare reports, studies, and recommendations on  
15                    emerging health issues, such as medical ethics, health  
16                    care rationing, involuntary care, care for the  
17                    indigent, and standards for research and development  
18                    of biotechnology ~~[and]~~, genetic engineering~~[-]~~, remote  
19                    monitoring, artificial intelligence, and workforce  
20                    development; and





- 1           (7) The director of the executive office on aging, or the  
2           director's designee;
- 3           (8) The insurance commissioner, or the commissioner's  
4           designee;
- 5           (9) The chief executive officer of the Hawaii health  
6           systems corporation, or the chief executive officer's  
7           designee;
- 8           (10) The administrator of the Hawaii employer-union health  
9           benefits trust fund, or the administrator's designee;
- 10          (11) The dean of the university of Hawaii John A. Burns  
11          school of medicine, or the dean's designee;
- 12          (12) The dean of the university of Hawaii Nancy Atmospera-  
13          Walch school of nursing, or the dean's designee;
- 14          (13) The dean of the university of Hawaii Daniel K. Inouye  
15          college of pharmacy, or the dean's designee; and
- 16          (14) Two members selected and invited by the administrator  
17          of the state health planning and development agency  
18          from the statewide health coordinating council, who  
19          shall be confirmed by the senate.



1 (c) The administrator of the state health planning and  
2 development agency shall invite the following individuals or  
3 their designees to participate on the hui ho‘omana:

4 (1) The president and chief executive officer of the  
5 Healthcare Association of Hawaii;

6 (2) The president of the Hawaii Association of Health  
7 Plans; and

8 (3) Any additional members deemed necessary by the  
9 administrator of the state health planning and  
10 development agency.

11 (d) The first meeting of the hui ho‘omana shall be held no  
12 later than thirty days after the effective date of this Act, at  
13 which time the members shall elect a chair, vice chair, and any  
14 other necessary officers from among its members.

15 (e) A majority of the hui ho‘omana members present at any  
16 given meeting shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

17 (f) The hui ho‘omana shall meet no less than quarterly and  
18 may meet more often than quarterly. The state health planning  
19 and development agency shall provide administrative and clerical  
20 support required by the hui ho‘omana.

21 (g) The hui ho‘omana shall:



1 (1) Assist the state health planning and development  
2 agency in the development of a state health services,  
3 workforce, and facilities plan;

4 (2) Identify and prioritize necessary actions for a  
5 comprehensive plan to provide universal access to  
6 equitable and affordable high-quality health care for  
7 state residents;

8 (3) Determine a responsible party, timelines, and deadline  
9 for each necessary action identified in the state  
10 health services, workforce, and facilities plan; and

11 (4) Identify resources required and funding options, which  
12 may include financing from private, federal, and state  
13 entities.

14 (h) Members of the hui ho'omana shall serve without  
15 compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses  
16 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel  
17 expenses.

18 (i) The hui ho'omana shall submit a preliminary report of  
19 its progress to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
20 to the convening of the regular session of 2025, and a final  
21 report of the state health services, workforce, and facilities



1 plan, including its findings, recommendations, and any proposed  
2 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
3 to the convening of the regular session of 2026.

4 (j) The hui ho‘omana shall be dissolved on July 1, 2026.

5 PART III

6 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of  
7 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and  
8 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined  
9 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the  
10 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025  
11 to be exceeded by \$ , or per cent. The reasons  
12 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the  
13 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public  
14 interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

15 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
18 administrative costs and to establish the following positions  
19 within the state health planning and development agency:

20 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) administrative  
21 specialist IV position;



- 1           (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) research  
2           statistician VI position, who shall serve as a state  
3           health care informatician;
- 4           (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) research  
5           statistician V position, who shall serve as an  
6           administrative data specialist;
- 7           (4) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist  
8           VI position, who shall serve as a state health  
9           planner;
- 10          (5) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist  
11          IV position, who shall serve as a health planning  
12          liaison for the county of Hawaii;
- 13          (6) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist  
14          IV position, who shall serve as a health planning  
15          liaison for the county of Kauai;
- 16          (7) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist  
17          IV position, who shall serve as a health planning  
18          liaison for the county of Maui; and
- 19          (8) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program specialist  
20          IV position, who shall serve as a health planning  
21          liaison for the city and county of Honolulu.



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

3           SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



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**Report Title:**

Department of Health; SHPDA; Function and Duties; Hui Hoomana;  
Reports; Positions; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Amends the functions and duties of the State Health Planning and  
Development Agency. Clarifies the definition of "health care".  
Establishes a task force known as the Hui Hoomana. Establishes  
positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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