
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) Submit the initial state health services, workforce,
17 and facilities plan developed pursuant to paragraph
18 (3) to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of 2026 and
20 the updated plan no later than twenty days prior to



1 the convening of every fourth regular session of the
2 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
6 reduce or control costs and improve health care
7 quality as [~~it~~] the state agency deems necessary.

8 [~~The~~] A report may include[~~, but not be limited to,~~] a
9 review of health insurance plans[~~;~~]; the availability
10 of various kinds of health insurance and malpractice
11 insurance to consumers[~~;~~]; related health statistics
12 as necessary to monitor and improve health care
13 access, outcomes, equity, quality, costs, and
14 cost-effectiveness; and strategies for increasing
15 competition in the health insurance field[~~;~~] and
16 across the health care delivery system;

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

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



- 1 ~~(4)~~ (2) Assist the statewide council in the performance
2 of its functions~~(-)~~;
- 3 ~~(5)~~ (3) Determine the need for new health services
4 proposed to be offered within the State~~(-)~~;
- 5 ~~(6)~~ (4) Assess existing health care services and
6 facilities to determine whether there are redundant,
7 excessive, or inappropriate services or facilities and
8 make public findings of any that are found to be so.
9 The state agency shall weigh the costs of the health
10 care services or facilities against the benefits the
11 services or facilities provide and there shall be a
12 negative presumption against marginal services~~(-)~~;
- 13 ~~(7)~~ (5) Provide technical assistance to persons, public
14 or private, in obtaining and filling out the necessary
15 forms for the development of projects and programs~~(-)~~;
- 16 ~~(8)~~ (6) Prepare reports, studies, and recommendations on
17 emerging health issues, such as medical ethics, health
18 care rationing, involuntary care, care for the
19 indigent, and standards for research and development
20 of biotechnology ~~and~~, genetic engineering~~(-)~~, remote



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



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. 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 2024-2025 for
9 administrative costs and to establish the following positions
10 within the state health planning and development agency:

11 (1) full-time equivalent (FTE) administrative
12 specialist IV position;

13 (2) full-time equivalent (FTE) research
14 statistician VI position, who shall serve as a state
15 health care informatician;

16 (3) full-time equivalent (FTE) research
17 statistician V position, who shall serve as an
18 administrative data specialist;

19 (4) full-time equivalent (FTE) program
20 specialist VI position, who shall serve as a state
21 health planner;



1 (5) full-time equivalent (FTE) program
2 specialist IV position, who shall serve as a health
3 planning liaison for the county of Hawaii;

4 (6) full-time equivalent (FTE) program
5 specialist IV position, who shall serve as a health
6 planning liaison for the county of Kauai;

7 (7) full-time equivalent (FTE) program
8 specialist IV position, who shall serve as a health
9 planning liaison for the county of Maui; and

10 (8) full-time equivalent (FTE) program
11 specialist IV position, who shall serve as a health
12 planning liaison for the city and county of Honolulu.

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

15 SECTION 5. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
16 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
17 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
18 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
19 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
20 to be exceeded by \$, or per cent. The reasons
21 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the



1 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
2 interest and to meet the needs provided for by 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.



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. (HD3)

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