
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii residents
2 deserve universal access and equity to quality health care at an
3 affordable cost. The Hawaii Prepaid Healthcare Act of 1974, the
4 State Health Insurance Program Act of 1989, and the current
5 successful med-QUEST program administered by the department of
6 human services, are true examples of the State's remarkable
7 tradition of health system reform innovation. However, the
8 State presently falls short of access to health care insurance
9 with approximately eighty thousand uninsured and many more
10 underinsured residents.

11 The legislature also finds that with increasing health care
12 insurance costs; excessive regulatory, administrative, and
13 delivery system complexities; growing unaffordability for
14 families, businesses, and government; unacceptable variation in
15 outcomes despite numerous examples of high-quality care; and
16 growing stresses on recruiting and retaining sufficient health
17 care professionals, a renewed commitment towards guaranteeing



1 universal coverage, streamlined administrative costs, and health
2 system modernization are necessary.

3 Presently, the state health planning and development agency
4 administers the statewide health planning and cost containment
5 activities. While the state health planning and development
6 agency has an effective certificate of need program, it is not
7 sufficient to contain health care costs. Furthermore, existing
8 law requires health plans funded by the Hawaii employer-union
9 health benefits trust fund and the state medicaid agency to
10 provide administrative data, including health and dental
11 insurance data, to the state health planning and development
12 agency. This data, along with the acquisition of medicare data
13 sets specific to Hawaii, is necessary to facilitate greater
14 transparency and understanding of health care costs, health care
15 system quality, population health conditions, and health care
16 disparities.

17 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a task
18 force known as the hui ho'omana, which means "group to transform
19 and empower", to make recommendations to achieve universal
20 access and equity to quality health care at an affordable cost
21 for state residents.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the hui ho‘omana
2 within the state health planning and development agency for
3 administrative purposes only, to make recommendations to achieve
4 universal access and equity to quality health care at an
5 affordable cost for state residents.

6 (b) The hui ho‘omana shall consist of up to twenty-six
7 voting members and ten nonvoting ex officio members. The voting
8 members shall include:

9 (1) The administrator of the state health planning and
10 development agency or the administrator's designee;

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

12 (3) The director of human services or the director's
13 designee;

14 (4) The insurance commissioner or the commissioner's
15 designee;

16 (5) The chief executive officer of the Hawaii health
17 systems corporation or the chief executive officer's
18 designee;

19 (6) The administrator of the Hawaii employer-union health
20 benefits trust fund or the administrator's designee;



- 1 (7) The dean of the university of Hawaii John A. Burns
2 school of medicine or the dean's designee;
- 3 (8) The dean of the university of Hawaii Nancy Atmospera-
4 Walch school of nursing or the dean's designee;
- 5 (9) One representative from the city and county of
6 Honolulu who shall be selected by the mayor of the
7 city and county of Honolulu;
- 8 (10) One representative of the county of Kauai who shall be
9 selected by the mayor of the county of Kauai;
- 10 (11) One representative of the county of Maui who shall be
11 selected by the mayor of the county of Maui; and
- 12 (12) One representative of the county of Hawaii who shall
13 be selected by the mayor of the county of Hawaii.

14 The administrator of the state health planning and
15 development agency shall invite the following individuals or
16 their designees to participate on the hui ho'omana as voting
17 members:

- 18 (1) The president of the National Association of Social
19 Workers, Hawaii Chapter;
- 20 (2) The president and chief executive officer of the
21 Hawaii Medical Service Association;



- 1 (3) One representative of the Kaiser Foundation Health
- 2 Plan and Hospitals;
- 3 (4) The president and chief executive officer of the
- 4 Healthcare Association of Hawaii;
- 5 (5) The chief executive officer of the Hawaii Primary Care
- 6 Association;
- 7 (6) The executive director of the Hawaii Medical
- 8 Association;
- 9 (7) The executive director of the Hawaii - American Nurses
- 10 Association;
- 11 (8) The president and chief executive officer of The
- 12 Queen's Health System;
- 13 (9) The president and chief executive officer of Hawaii
- 14 Pacific Health;
- 15 (10) The president of the Accountable Healthcare Alliance
- 16 of Rural Oahu;
- 17 (11) The chief executive officer of Papa Ola Lōkahi;
- 18 (12) The chief executive officer of AlohaCare;
- 19 (13) The state director of AARP Hawaii; and
- 20 (14) The president of the Hawaii Pharmacists Association.



1 The nonvoting ex-officio members of hui ho‘omana shall
2 include:

3 (1) The chief of staff from the office of the governor or
4 the chief's designee;

5 (2) The chair of the senate standing committee on health
6 and human services or the chair's designee;

7 (3) The chair of the house of representatives standing
8 committee on health and homelessness or the chair's
9 designee;

10 (4) Two members selected and invited by the administrator
11 of the state health planning and development agency
12 from the statewide health coordinating council who
13 shall be confirmed by the senate;

14 (5) The director of corrections and rehabilitation or the
15 director's designee;

16 (6) One member from the department of health with
17 expertise in rural health who shall be selected by the
18 director of health;

19 (7) The director of the executive office on aging or the
20 director's designee;



- 1 (8) The attorney general or the attorney general's
- 2 designee;
- 3 (9) The superintendent of education or the
- 4 superintendent's designee; and
- 5 (10) The director of commerce and consumer affairs or the
- 6 director's designee.

7 The first meeting of the hui ho'omana shall be held no later
8 than thirty days after the enactment of this Act, at which the
9 members shall elect a chair, vice chair, and any other necessary
10 officers from among the members.

11 A majority of the hui ho'omana voting members present at any
12 given meeting shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

13 The hui ho'omana shall meet not less than quarterly and may
14 meet more often than quarterly. The state health planning and
15 development agency shall provide administrative and clerical
16 support required by the hui ho'omana.

- 17 (c) The hui ho'omana shall:
 - 18 (1) Identify and prioritize necessary actions for a
 - 19 comprehensive plan to provide universal access to
 - 20 equitable and affordable high-quality health care for
 - 21 state residents;



1 (2) Determine a responsible party, timelines, and deadline
2 for each necessary action identified in the
3 comprehensive plan; and

4 (3) Identify resources required and funding options, which
5 may include financing from private, state, and federal
6 entities.

7 (d) Members of the hui ho‘omana shall serve without
8 compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
9 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
10 expenses.

11 (e) The hui ho‘omana shall submit a report of its findings
12 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
13 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 the regular session of 2025, and a final report of its findings
15 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
16 legislature before its dissolution.

17 (f) The hui ho‘omana shall be dissolved on July 1, 2025.

18 SECTION 3. If any part of this Act is found to be in
19 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed
20 condition for the allocation of federal funds to the State, the
21 conflicting part of this Act is inoperative solely to the extent



1 of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly
2 affected, and this finding does not affect the operation of the
3 remainder of the Act in its application to the agencies
4 concerned. The rules under this Act shall meet federal
5 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of
6 federal funds by the State.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
8 2050.



Report Title:

SHPDA; Health Care Task Force; Hui Ho'omana; Reports

Description:

Establishes the Hui Ho'omana Task Force within the State Health Planning and Development Agency to develop a comprehensive plan to provide universal access to equitable and affordable high-quality health care for state residents, including defining action plan items, setting timeline and deadline for each action item, and identifying resources required and funding options. Requires reports to the Legislature. Dissolves the Hui Ho'omana Task Force on 7/1/2025. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD2)

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