## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.

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

- SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

  amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated

  and to read as follows:

  "§321- Home health agencies; complaint registry. (a)

  The department of health shall establish and maintain a
- 6 complaint registry that contains a record of all complaints
- 7 filed with the department against home health agencies licensed
- 8 by the State.
- 9 (b) The department shall make the registry available for public access on the office of health care assurance's website.
- (c) The department of health shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section.
- (d) As used in this section, "home health agency" means a public or proprietary agency, a private nonprofit organization, or a subdivision of the agency or organization that is primarily engaged in providing direct or indirect skilled nursing services
- 17 and other therapeutic services under a physician's direction to

- 1 homebound patients on a part-time or intermittent basis in a
- place used as the individual's home."
- 3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

Home Health Agencies; Department of Health; Complaint Registry

### Description:

Requires the Department of Health to establish and maintain a complaint registry that contains a record of all complaints filed against home health agencies licensed by the State and post the registry on the Office of Health Care Assurance's website.

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