

JAN 19 2024

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 SECTION 1. Section 323D-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§323D-12 Health planning and development functions; state**
4 **agency.** (a) The state agency shall:

5 (1) Have as a principal function the responsibility for
6 promoting ~~[accessibility for all the people of the~~
7 ~~State to quality health care services at reasonable~~
8 ~~cost. The state agency shall conduct such studies and~~
9 ~~investigations as may be necessary as to the causes of~~
10 ~~health care costs including inflation. The state~~
11 ~~agency may contract for services to implement this~~
12 ~~paragraph. The certificate of need program mandated~~
13 ~~under part V shall serve this function. The state~~
14 ~~agency shall promote the sharing of facilities or~~
15 ~~services by health care providers whenever possible to~~
16 ~~achieve economies and shall restrict unusual or~~
17 ~~unusually costly services to individual facilities or~~



1 ~~providers where appropriate;~~ universal access to high
2 quality, equitable, and affordable health care for all
3 the people of the State. For the purposes of this
4 section, "health care" means the improvement of health
5 via the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and
6 amelioration or cure of disease, illness, injury, and
7 other physical and mental impairments in people that
8 is delivered in any setting;

9 (2) ~~[Serve as staff to and provide technical assistance~~
10 ~~and advice to the statewide council and the subarea~~
11 ~~councils in the preparation, review, and revision of~~
12 ~~the state health services and facilities plan;]~~
13 Provide leadership and coordination of activities and
14 resources throughout State agencies that affect health
15 care access and quality, including but not limited to
16 health insurance coverage rates, health insurance
17 benefits, affordability, workforce, reimbursement,
18 quality, administrative simplification, and health
19 information technology;

20 (3) ~~[Conduct the health planning activities of the State~~
21 ~~in coordination with the subarea councils, implement~~



1 ~~the state health services and facilities plan, and~~
2 ~~determine the statewide health needs of the State~~
3 ~~after consulting with the statewide council; and]~~
4 Issue a state health services and facilities plan,
5 which shall include workforce considerations, and
6 update the plan every four years after consulting with
7 the statewide council;

8 (4) Administer the state certificate of need program
9 pursuant to part V[-], and serve as staff and provide
10 technical assistance and advice to the statewide
11 council and subarea councils; and

12 (5) Develop, no later than 2027, and annually thereafter,
13 and in consultation with the governor, the department
14 of budget and finance, the employee-union trust fund,
15 all public and private health plans and entities in
16 the State providing health insurance coverage, an
17 annual state global budget based on total costs of
18 health care in order to prevent costs from rising
19 faster than general inflation and to assure the
20 affordability of health care services.

21 (b) The state agency may:



- 1 (1) Prepare [~~sueh~~] reports, related to statistics as
2 needed to monitor and improve health care access,
3 outcomes, equity, quality, costs and cost-
4 effectiveness, and recommendations on Hawaii's health
5 care costs and public or private efforts to reduce or
6 control costs and improve health care quality as it
7 deems necessary. The report may include[~~7~~] but not be
8 limited to[~~7~~] a review of health insurance plans, the
9 availability of various kinds of health insurance and
10 malpractice insurance to consumers, and strategies for
11 increasing competition in the health insurance
12 field[~~7~~] and across the health care delivery system;
- 13 ~~[(2) Prepare and revise as necessary the state health~~
14 ~~services and facilities plan.~~
- 15 ~~(3) Prepare, review, and revise the annual implementation~~
16 ~~plan.]~~
- 17 ~~[(4)]~~ (2) Assist the statewide council in the performance
18 of its functions[~~7~~];
- 19 ~~[(5)]~~ (3) Determine the need for new health services
20 proposed to be offered within the State[~~7~~];



- 1 ~~[(6)]~~ (4) Assess existing health care services and
2 facilities to determine whether there are redundant,
3 excessive, or inappropriate services or facilities and
4 make public findings of any that are found to be so.
5 The state agency shall weigh the costs of the health
6 care services or facilities against the benefits the
7 services or facilities provide and there shall be a
8 negative presumption against marginal services~~[-]~~;
- 9 ~~[(7)]~~ (5) Provide technical assistance to persons, public
10 or private, in obtaining and filling out the necessary
11 forms for the development of projects and programs~~[-]~~;
- 12 ~~[(8)]~~ (6) Prepare reports, studies, and recommendations on
13 emerging health issues, such as medical ethics, health
14 care rationing, involuntary care, care for the
15 indigent, and standards for research and development
16 of biotechnology ~~[and]~~, genetic engineering[-], remote
17 monitoring, and artificial intelligence; and
- 18 ~~[(9)]~~ (7) Conduct such other activities as are necessary to
19 meet the purposes of this chapter."

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
2 administrative costs and the establishment of the following
3 positions with the state health planning and development agency:

4 (1) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) administrative
5 specialist IV position;

6 (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) research
7 statistician VI, to serve as the State health care
8 informatician position;

9 (3) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) research
10 statistician V, to serve as administrative data
11 specialist position;

12 (4) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program
13 specialist VI, to serve as the State health planner
14 position;

15 (5) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program
16 specialist IV, to serve as the State health planning
17 liaison for the county of Hawaii position;

18 (6) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program
19 specialist IV, to serve as the State health planning
20 liaison for the county of Kauai position;



- 1 (7) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program
- 2 specialist IV, to serve as the State health planning
- 3 liaison for the county of Maui position;
- 4 (8) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program
- 5 specialist IV, to serve as the State health planning
- 6 liaison for the city and county of Honolulu position;
- 7 and
- 8 (9) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) CHIP coordinator
- 9 SR-26 position.

10 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of

11 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,

12 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the

13 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,

14 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure

15 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by

16 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes

17 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal

18 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act

19 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure

20 ceiling are that:



- 1 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
2 serve the public interest; and
3 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
4 addressed by this Act.

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

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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S.B. NO. 2918

Report Title:

DOH; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Functions;
Positions; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates the function of the State Health Planning and
Developmental Agency with the Department of Health. Declares
that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.
Establishes positions.

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