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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

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

1        SECTION 1. The legislature finds that health care  
2 institutions in the State expend significant financial resources  
3 providing care to medicare beneficiaries with extraordinary  
4 medical needs and to uninsured patients who lack the ability to  
5 pay. These costs are borne unevenly across these institutions,  
6 threatening the long-term sustainability of essential health  
7 care services.

8        The purpose of this Act is to balance the financial burden  
9 of high-cost medicare and uninsured patients among health care  
10 institutions that receive state funding by requiring:

11        (1) Hospitals and hospital systems to submit annual  
12 certified reports regarding costs associated with  
13 medicare and uninsured patients to the department of  
14 health, Hawaii health systems corporation, and state  
15 health planning and development agency;  
16        (2) The department of health, Hawaii health systems  
17 corporation, and state health planning and development



1 agency to review the reports, establish standards and  
2 procedures, and adopt rules;

3 (3) The department of health to consider the reports when  
4 determining the department's budget request and  
5 designate financial assistance requests in an  
6 equitable way; and

7 (4) The office of the auditor to conduct periodic audits  
8 of the financial assistance distributed to hospitals  
9 and hospital systems.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 323D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
12 and to read as follows:

13        "§323D-        Mandatory reporting; medicare and uninsured

14        patients; audits; rules; budget.    (a)    Every hospital or

15        hospital system that receives any state general fund

16        appropriation, capital improvement funds, or other state

17        financial assistance shall submit an annual report certified by

18        the auditor to the department of health, Hawaii health systems

19        corporation, and state health planning and development agency

20        that provides the following information:



- 1        (1) The number of medicare patients whose annual cost of  
2        care exceeded \$50,000 and the total amount expended by  
3        the hospital or hospital system to provide care to  
4        these patients; and
- 5        (2) The number of uninsured patients whose annual cost of  
6        care exceeded \$5,000 and the total amount expended by  
7        the hospital or hospital system to provide care to  
8        these patients.

9        (b) The department of health, in coordination with the  
10      Hawaii health systems corporation and the state health planning  
11      and development agency, shall:

- 12        (1) Review and verify the reports submitted pursuant to  
13        subsection (a);
- 14        (2) Establish uniform accounting standards and reporting  
15        procedures; and
- 16        (3) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to carry  
17        out the purposes of this section, including rules  
18        related to:
  - 19        (A) Cost accounting methodologies;
  - 20        (B) Patient eligibility determinations;
  - 21        (C) Reporting formats and timelines;



1                   (D) Verification and audit procedures; and

2                   (E) Redistribution calculations.

3                   (c) In determining the amount of general fund

4                   appropriations, capital improvement funding, or other state

5                   financial assistance to be requested in the department of

6                   health's budget, the department of health shall consider the

7                   reports filed pursuant to subsection (a) and designate financial

8                   assistance requests, not to exceed \$ , in such a way as

9                   to equitably distribute the financial burden associated with

10                   medicare and uninsured patients across all state hospitals and

11                   hospital systems.

12                   (d) The office of the auditor shall conduct periodic

13                   audits of the funds distributed to hospitals and hospital

14                   systems pursuant to subsection (c) to ensure compliance with

15                   this section.

16                   (e) For the purposes of this section, "hospital" means an

17                   institution licensed by the department of health pursuant to

18                   section 321-14.5."

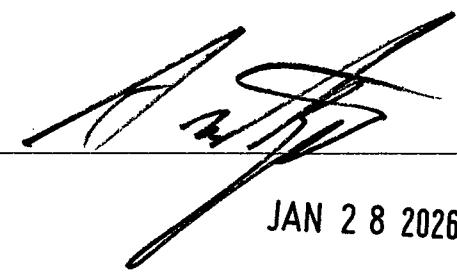
19                   SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

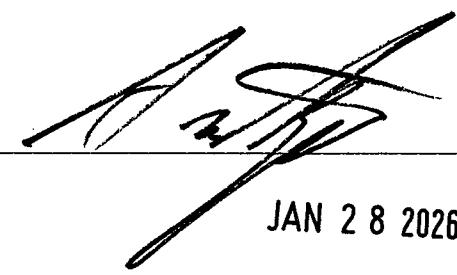
20                   SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Requires hospitals and hospital systems to submit annual certified reports regarding costs associated with Medicare and uninsured patients to the Department of Health, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and State Health Planning and Development Agency. Requires the Department of Health, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and State Health Planning and Development Agency to review the reports, establish standards and procedures, and adopt rules. Requires the Department of Health to consider the reports when determining the department's budget request and designate financial assistance requests in an equitable way. Requires the Office of the Auditor to conduct periodic audits of the financial assistance distributed to hospitals and hospital systems.

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