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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 99, Session Laws  
2 of Hawaii 2024 (Act 99), requires the transfer of the Maui state  
3 veterans home to the Oahu regional health care system or a state  
4 agency having a Maui affiliation.

5           The legislature also finds that the Maui state veterans  
6 home is a proposed long-term health care facility that is  
7 anticipated to offer skilled nursing, rehabilitation therapies,  
8 and hospice, Alzheimer's disease, and respite care. The  
9 legislature passed Act 99 in recognition that this facility  
10 should be placed under a state agency having the expertise to  
11 manage a long-term care facility.

12           Act 99 required the assimilation of the Maui state veterans  
13 home into a state agency no later than June 30, 2027. However,  
14 the legislature finds that the transfer of the Maui state  
15 veterans home is highly complex because of logistical, labor  
16 relations, and financial issues. Therefore, it is necessary to



1 reexamine this deadline to ensure that the intent of Act 99 is  
2 properly achieved.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to repeal the  
4 June 30, 2027, deadline for the assimilation of the Maui state  
5 veterans home into a state agency with a Maui affiliation and  
6 instead require the assimilation of the Maui state veterans home  
7 to be completed as soon as practicable.

8 SECTION 2. Act 99, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, section 3  
9 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) [~~No later than June 30, 2027,~~] As soon as  
11 practicable, the Maui state veterans home shall be assimilated  
12 into a state agency having a Maui affiliation, in a manner and  
13 to an extent that may be negotiated between the Oahu regional  
14 health care system or state agency having a Maui affiliation and  
15 the department of defense. After assimilation, the physical  
16 assets and the ground lease of the Maui state veterans home  
17 shall become the property of and be managed by the agency into  
18 which the Maui state veterans home is assimilated."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Maui State Veterans Home; HHSC; Oahu Regional Health Care System; State Agency; Maui Affiliation; Transfer; Deadline

**Description:**

Repeals the 6/30/2027 deadline by which the Maui State Veterans Home must be assimilated into a state agency having a Maui affiliation and instead requires the assimilation to be completed as soon as practicable. (SD1)

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