

A Bill for an Act Relating to State Health Planning.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that health planning for the State is a complex area, and requires the input of persons of various interests and representing various geographical areas. The process of planning must seek to best meet the health needs of the State, as perceived by the residents of the State, who clearly, depending upon the community of residence, perceive different needs. The development of health programs, services, and facilities has largely followed the growth of the State in some areas, while other areas may not have adequate services available.

The purpose of this Act is to ensure the pragmatic health planning of the State by providing a permanent vehicle for citizen input into the health planning process, so that the total health services plans of the State will be based on informed decision-making.

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

**“PART . SUBAREA HEALTH PLANNING COUNCILS**

**Sec. 323D- Subarea health planning councils, established.** There are established subarea health planning councils for geographical areas which shall be designated by the state agency. Each county shall have at least one subarea health planning council. The subarea health planning councils shall be administratively within the state agency.

**Sec. 323D- Subarea health planning councils, functions.** Each subarea health planning council shall review, seek public input, and make recommendations relating to health planning for the geographical subarea it serves. In addition, the subarea health planning councils shall:

- (1) Identify and recommend to the state agency the data needs and special concerns of the respective subareas;
- (2) Recommend a subarea health plan for its respective subarea which is coordinated with the goals and priorities of the state health plan;
- (3) Review that portion of the state health plan annual implementation plan and budget of the respective subareas and make recommendations

- for revisions to the statewide council;
- (4) Advise the state agency in the administration of the certificate of need program for their respective subareas.

**Sec. 323D- Subarea health planning councils, composition, appointment.** Each subarea health planning council shall be constituted in a manner consistent with Section 1512(c) of Public Law 93-641, and laws successor thereto or amendatory thereof. Members of subarea health planning councils shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to section 26-34. Nominations for appointment shall be solicited from health-related and other interested organizations, and agencies, including health planning councils, providers of health care within the appropriate subarea, and other interested persons. The members of the subarea health planning councils shall not be compensated for their services but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses necessary to the performance of their function.

**Sec. 323D- Subarea council; representation on statewide health council.** The members of the respective subarea health planning council shall recommend for gubernatorial appointment one person from its membership to be on the statewide council.

**Sec. 323D- Subarea health planning councils; staff.** Each subarea health planning council may contract for such professional and other services necessary to achieve the intent of this part, upon approval of the statewide council.

SECTION 3. Section 323D-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 323D-12 Functions; state agency.** The state agency shall:

- (1) Conduct the health planning activities of the State in coordination with the subarea councils and implement those parts of the state health plan and plans of the health systems agencies within the State which relate to state government. If any recommendation of any subarea health planning council is not incorporated into a health systems plan, an explanation stating the reasons for non-incorporation shall be appended to that plan.
- (2) Prepare, review, and annually revise the preliminary state health plan pursuant to Public Law 93-641, section 1523(a) (2).
- (3) Assist the statewide council in reviewing the state medical facilities plan pursuant to section 323D-31.
- (4) Administer the state certificate of need program pursuant to part IV of this chapter and serve as designated planning agency under Title XI, Sec. 1122 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
- (5) Determine the need for new institutional health services proposed by health systems agencies.
- (6) Review on a periodic basis all institutional health services offered in the State respecting the appropriateness of such activities.
- (7) Do all things necessary as required by federal and state laws.”

SECTION 4. Section 323D-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 323D-13 Statewide health coordinating council.** (a) There is established a statewide health coordinating council which shall be advisory to the state agency pursuant to Public Law 93-641, section 1524 and whose membership shall include one representative from each subarea council established in accordance with the provisions of section 323D-

(b) The statewide council shall be appointed by the governor in accordance with section 26-34. The membership of the statewide council shall consist of:

- (1) Not less than sixteen persons appointed from lists of at least five nominees submitted to the governor by each health systems agency.
- (2) At least two representatives from each health systems agency; provided not less than one-half shall be consumers of health care and not providers of health care.
- (3) Not less than fifty-one percent of the membership shall be consumers of health care.
- (4) Not less than one-third of the providers of health care shall be direct providers of health care.

In addition, the governor may appoint public elected and appointed officials and other representatives of governmental authorities who shall make up not more than forty percent of the total membership of the statewide council.

(c) The statewide council shall select a chairman from among its members. The members of the statewide council shall not be compensated but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.”

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 27, 1976.)

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\*Edited accordingly.