

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Department of Health.

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

SECTION 1. Purpose. The Government Organization Commission reviewed the problem of duplication of efforts by the State and counties in respect to housing inspection and enforcement. The Commission found that both the State Health Department and the building departments of the counties perform inspection of housing. Further, complaints involving the Landlord-Tenant Code relating to cleanliness are referred to the State Health Department. The State Health Department also issues permits for installation of air conditioning and ventilation in public buildings, as well as for septic tanks and cesspools.

The purpose of this Act is to authorize the State Health Department to delegate all housing inspection and enforcement functions, including the issuance of permits, to the various counties.

SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“Sec. 321- Delegation to counties. Any provision to the contrary notwithstanding, the department of health may, in adopting rules and regulations under sections 321-9, 10, and 11, delegate functions for inspection and enforcement of such rules, including the function of issuance of permits, certificates, or licenses, to the various counties. Such delegation of authority shall be in accordance with standards duly adopted by the department.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.*

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

(Approved April 17, 1978.)

*Edited accordingly.