

ACT 99

H.B. NO. 3090

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health Care.

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

SECTION 1. Act 291, Session Laws of Hawaii 1990, is amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

“SECTION 3. There is established a “blue ribbon” panel within the department of health to examine the financial and economic dynamics of the health care industry, including mental health, in Hawaii, with [a] special emphasis on utilizing the data already generated in previous studies, gathering other pertinent information, and pursuing the following goals:

- (1) To understand how Hawaii’s health care businesses make money, lose money, finance their operations, and transfer costs to consumers;
- (2) To understand the true problems inherent in federal programs, such

- as medicare and medicaid, and to understand their impacts on the financial well-being of health care delivery systems;
- (3) To understand the difference between a long-term care business, an acute hospital business, a primary care business, a health maintenance organization, and outreach efforts, in terms of how each kind of health care delivery business attempts to survive and prosper; and
 - (4) To determine the effectiveness and advisability of utilizing specific mechanisms to control the cost of health care by:
 - (A) Regulating health insurance;
 - (B) Regulating facility costs;
 - (C) Using mechanisms such as the cooperative purchasing of vaccines and competitive bidding to procure services and equipment; and
 - (D) Utilizing any combination of subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), as well as other strategies.

The governor, in consultation with the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate, shall appoint a "blue ribbon" panel to include representatives from: the office of state planning, labor unions, business groups, financial institutions, consumer advocates, and other state agencies, such as the state health planning and development agency, the department of labor and industrial relations, the department of personnel services, and the department of budget and finance, as well as one representative from the Hawaii medical association and one representative from the health care association of Hawaii. [The legislative auditor shall provide assistance to the blue ribbon panel upon request.]

The blue ribbon panel shall submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature not less than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 1991, and a final report not less than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of [1992] 1993."

SECTION 2. Act 291, Session Laws of Hawaii 1990, is amended by amending section 11 to read as follows:

"SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1990, and shall be repealed on [June 30, 1992¹] December 31, 1992."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

(Approved May 27, 1992.)

Note

1. So in original.