

A Bill for an Act Relating to Health.

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

SECTION 1. Now that national health care reform legislation has been signed into law, states must be prepared to implement changes to existing federal health care programs. This is especially crucial given the potential for large-scale changes to medicaid plans likely to be initiated through such reform legislation.

The purpose of this Act is to ensure continuity of care for Hawaii's neediest population and to make certain that medicaid contracts reflect expectations outlined in national health care reform by establishing restrictions on the issuance of requests for proposals for QUEST contracts.

SECTION 2. Section 103F-402, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) State agencies to which the legislature has appropriated funds for the purchase of health and human services shall solicit proposals to provide health and human services by purchase of health and human services contracts, by publishing a notice requesting the submission of health and human service proposals[-]; provided that a purchasing agency shall not solicit proposals for any QUEST contract under this section if the anticipated contract sum exceeds \$100,000,000 and the commencement date of the contract is after the expiration of the term of office of the head of the purchasing agency. Notice of the request for proposals shall be given a reasonable time before the date set forth in the request for submission of proposals. The policy board shall adopt rules which specify:

- (1) The form of the notice;
- (2) What constitutes a reasonable interim between notice and the proposal submission deadline; and
- (3) How the notice is to be published, including [~~but not limited to,~~] whether the publication is to be completed in a newspaper of general circulation, by mail, through a public or private telecommunications network, or any other method or combination of methods which the board deems appropriate.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

(Vetoed by Governor and veto overridden by Legislature on April 29, 2010.)