

JAN 26 2011

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WELLNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 health's healthy Hawaii initiative conducted a survey of Hawaii
3 employer-union health benefits trust fund members last year at
4 the request of the outgoing trust fund management. The healthy
5 Hawaii initiative made a presentation to the trust fund board
6 regarding favorable responses from members on the following:

- 7 (1) Hawaii employer-union health benefit trust fund
8 members showed great interest in worksite wellness;
- 9 (2) Opportunities do exist to positively influence healthy
10 behavior related to physical activity and fruit and
11 vegetable consumption; and
- 12 (3) The majority of members favor reduced premiums and co-
13 payments for healthy lifestyles, completing health
14 risk assessments, or participating in disease
15 management.

16 The legislature finds that Hawaii must comply with federal
17 health reform legislation requirements by 2014, including
18 mandating physician reimbursements for outcomes rather than



1 transactions. The legislature is therefore interested in
 2 authorizing and evaluating health and wellness alternatives that
 3 reduce the incidence of chronic disease, support state employees
 4 in adopting and maintaining healthier lifestyles, and reduce the
 5 costs of health care expenditures associated with emergency care
 6 and other hospital-based treatments for avoidable chronic
 7 diseases.

8 The purpose of this Act is to establish a workplace
 9 wellness pilot program.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
 13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
 14 year 2012-2013 for the creation of a workplace wellness pilot
 15 program.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
 17 of health for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Health; Workplace Wellness; Pilot Program; Appropriation

Description:

Creates a workplace wellness pilot program; appropriates funds.

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