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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to ensure the  
2 provision of quality health care for Hawaii residents and  
3 support early intervention of autism spectrum disorders by  
4 requiring the contracting of an actuarial analysis of the  
5 projected costs of providing insurance coverage for the  
6 screening, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum  
7 disorders.

8           SECTION 2. (a) The insurance commissioner shall contract  
9 for the performance of an actuarial analysis by a licensed  
10 actuary who is a member in good standing with the American  
11 Academy of Actuaries of the projected costs of providing  
12 insurance coverage for screening, diagnosis, and treatment of  
13 autism spectrum disorders.

14           (b) The actuarial analysis shall:

15           (1) Include a statement by the actuary certifying that the  
16 techniques and methods used are generally accepted  
17 within the actuarial profession and that the  
18 assumptions and cost estimates used are reasonable;



1           (2) Provide a financial analysis of the cost of providing  
2 insurance coverage for screening, diagnosis, and  
3 treatment of autism spectrum disorders, including an  
4 estimate of the cost benefits and the cost impact to  
5 the Hawaii medicaid market; and

6           (3) Specifically consider the following factors and their  
7 impact on the cost of providing insurance coverage or  
8 medicaid coverage:

9           (A) The prevalence of autism spectrum disorders  
10 compared to the prevalence of treated autism  
11 spectrum disorders;

12           (B) The intensity and frequency of treatment provided  
13 depending on the severity of the diagnosis of  
14 autism spectrum disorders; and

15           (C) The tiered service delivery model of applied  
16 behavior analysis as a treatment for autism  
17 spectrum disorders.

18           (c) The actuarial analysis shall be completed and  
19 submitted to the insurance commissioner in sufficient time for  
20 the insurance commissioner to submit a report to the  
21 legislature, including findings, recommendations, and proposed  
22 legislation, if any, based on the results of the actuarial



1 analysis no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the  
2 regular session of 2015.

3 (d) For the purpose of contracting for the actuarial  
4 analysis, the insurance commissioner shall be exempt from  
5 compliance with chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000 or so much  
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 to  
9 contract for the performance of the actuarial analysis required  
10 under this Act.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
12 commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
14 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2014.



**Report Title:**

Actuarial Analysis; Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment; Autism Spectrum Disorders; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Insurance Commissioner to contract for an actuarial analysis of the projected costs of providing insurance coverage for screening, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Makes an appropriation for the performance of the actuarial analysis. (CD1)

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