
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's healthcare
2 demands will dramatically increase in the upcoming decade due to
3 additional requirements established by the federal Patient
4 Protection and Affordable Care Act and the already widening
5 health disparity among Hawaii's residents. However, with
6 careful planning and preparation, Hawaii can meet these demands
7 and ensure that access to quality health care remains a
8 priority. Specifically, the State must follow the
9 recommendations made by the Hawaii Healthcare Workforce 20/20
10 plan to strengthen the pipeline into health careers and must
11 take additional efforts toward meeting the health-related
12 objectives and policies established by the Hawaii State Planning
13 Act.

14 The purpose of this Act is establish the Hawaii healthcare
15 workforce advisory board to advise the department of labor and
16 industrial relations in fulfilling the objectives established by



1 section 226-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the Hawaii State
2 Planning Act to:

3 (1) Provide adequate and accessible services and
4 facilities for prevention and treatment of physical
5 and mental health problems, including substance abuse;

6 (2) Encourage improved cooperation among public and
7 private sectors in the provision of health care to
8 accommodate the total health needs of individuals
9 throughout the State;

10 (3) Encourage public and private efforts to develop and
11 promote statewide and local strategies to reduce
12 health care and related insurance costs;

13 (4) Foster an awareness of the need for personal health
14 maintenance and preventive health care through
15 education and other measures;

16 (5) Provide programs, services, and activities that ensure
17 environmentally healthful and sanitary conditions; and

18 (6) Improve the State's capabilities in preventing
19 contamination by pesticides and other potentially
20 hazardous substances through increased coordination,
21 education, monitoring, and enforcement.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§371- Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory board;
5 established. (a) There is established within the department
6 for administrative purposes the Hawaii healthcare workforce
7 advisory board, which shall include the following members or
8 their designees:

- 9 (1) The director, who shall serve as the chair;
10 (2) The director of health;
11 (3) The dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa school
12 of medicine;
13 (4) The dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine;
14 (5) The director of the University of Hawaii at Manoa
15 office of public health studies;
16 (6) One chancellor of a community college within the
17 University of Hawaii system, to be selected by the
18 other members of the Hawaii healthcare workforce
19 advisory board; and
20 (7) Three representatives from Hawaii's healthcare
21 community that represent a variety of healthcare



1 disciplines, who shall serve a term of two years and
2 be selected by the other members of the Hawaii
3 healthcare workforce advisory board.

4 (b) Section 26-34 shall not apply to the Hawaii healthcare
5 workforce advisory board.

6 (c) The Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory board shall:

7 (1) Advise the department on strategies for developing the
8 healthcare industry workforce, including recommending
9 projects and programs to promote the expansion and
10 development of the healthcare industry;

11 (2) Develop a mission, objectives, and goals; and

12 (3) Advise the department in developing partnerships with
13 healthcare providers, organizations, and stakeholders
14 to further the Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory
15 board's mission and objectives.

16 (d) Members of the Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory
17 board shall serve without compensation; provided that the
18 representatives from the healthcare community shall be
19 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
20 their duties."

21 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

Hawaii Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board; Socio-cultural Health Advancement; Health Care

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory board to help increase and strengthen the healthcare workforce in the State.

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