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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EPIDEMIOLOGISTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. During the regular session of 2017, the  
2 legislature appropriated moneys to the department of health to  
3 establish an eleventh epidemiologist position. However, section  
4 321-4.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, limits the director of health  
5 to establishing only up to ten permanent or temporary positions  
6 for epidemiologists, without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii  
7 Revised Statutes.

8           The purpose of this Act is to amend section 321-4.3, Hawaii  
9 Revised Statutes, to provide the director of health with greater  
10 operational flexibility.

11           SECTION 2. Section 321-4.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13           " ~~[+]~~ §321-4.3 ~~[+]~~ **Epidemiologists.** The department of health  
14 may establish ~~[up to ten]~~ permanent or temporary exempt  
15 positions known as epidemiologists for the purpose of  
16 investigating diseases and injuries which threaten the public



1 health and safety. The positions shall be appointed by the  
2 director without regard to chapter 76."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken.

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



**Report Title:**

Department of Health; Epidemiologists

**Description:**

Removes the cap on the number of epidemiologists that the Department of Health may employ. (HB2493 HD2)

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