A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. The auditor shall conduct a performance audit of the disability determination branch of the department of human services and present findings and recommendations to the legislature, as appropriate.

SECTION 2. The audit shall include an examination of the management and operations of the disability determination branch of the department of human services, including:

(1) Methods, procedures, and criteria used by the disability determination branch to make eligibility determinations, including an analysis of the rate of denials for initial applications and the rates of denials and approvals for those appealed applications;

(2) Factors contributing to the extended processing times for disability eligibility applications and subsequent determinations;

(3) Internal operations at the disability determination branch, specifically with respect to any management
policies or directives that may influence staff to
make eligibility determinations quickly and without
thorough evaluation of applications and supporting
documentation; and
(4) Actual processing times for disability eligibility
applications.
SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit to the legislature a
report of its findings and recommendations, including any
proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the
convening of the regular session of 2020.
SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much
thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 to conduct
a performance audit of the disability determination branch of
the department of human services.
The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the
auditor for the purposes of this Act.
SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.
Report Title:
DHS; Disability Determination Branch; Audit; Appropriation

Description:
Requires the Office of the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Human Services Disability Determination Branch. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SB492 HD1)

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