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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii long-term  
2 care stakeholders believe that the fragmentation of the long-  
3 term care system is a major problem. They contend that there is  
4 no real long-term care system, every component is designed for a  
5 different purpose, and the components do not work together.

6           The legislature also finds that according to the Hawaii  
7 long-term care commission: (1) state government needs to assert  
8 stronger leadership over the entire long-term care population,  
9 including those not eligible for public programs; (2) the  
10 successes or failures of long-term care can contribute to or  
11 detract from the success of the other programs; and (3) Hawaii's  
12 laws are silent on the subject of leadership over long-term  
13 care.

14           The purpose of this Act is to establish a long-term care  
15 task force, establish the position of deputy healthcare  
16 transformation coordinator for long-term care within the office  
17 of the governor, and appropriate funds to support the position  
18 of the deputy healthcare transformation coordinator.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a long-term care task  
2 force within the executive office on aging of the department of  
3 health for administrative purposes. The purpose of the long-  
4 term care task force shall be to identify state programs and  
5 services related to long-term care and determine the feasibility  
6 of consolidating existing state functions and funds relating to  
7 these programs and services to a single executive department.  
8 The task force shall convene within thirty days after the  
9 effective date of this Act.

10 (b) The task force shall be composed of:

11 (1) The deputy healthcare transformation coordinator  
12 established pursuant to this Act;

13 (2) One representative from the med-QUEST division of the  
14 department of human services;

15 (3) One member from the aging and disability resource  
16 center program;

17 (4) One member of the home- and community-based services  
18 community;

19 (5) One member of the nursing home community; and

20 (6) One member of the acute care hospitals community.

21 (c) In carrying out its duties under this section, the  
22 task force may request staff assistance from the department of



1 health, the department of human services, and other appropriate  
2 state and county executive agencies;

3 (d) The members of the task force shall serve without  
4 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including  
5 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

6 (e) The task force shall:

7 (1) Identify state programs and services related to long-  
8 term care;

9 (2) Conduct a comprehensive review of the programs and  
10 services identified under paragraph (1) to determine  
11 the advantages, disadvantages, and feasibility of  
12 consolidating the programs and services under a single  
13 agency or one division within a larger department;

14 (3) Determine whether programs and services for people  
15 with intellectual and developmental disabilities and  
16 mental health programs should be included;

17 (4) Identify the most appropriate single agency or one  
18 division within a larger department to house long-term  
19 care programs and services;

20 (5) Formulate a timetable for the transfer of functions;

21 (6) Provide a timetable for compliance monitoring;



- 1           (7) Ensure that appropriations or funds for identified  
2           state programs and services are transferred as  
3           necessary to the identified agency or division;
- 4           (8) Ensure that all federal and state funds are fully  
5           allocated in the course of the transfer of funds;
- 6           (9) Resolve any other issues relating to the transfer of  
7           functions and funding to ensure the timely and  
8           efficient consolidation of responsibility of state  
9           long-term care programs and services under a single  
10          executive department; and
- 11          (10) If a consolidation is determined to be advantageous  
12          and feasible, recommend a single agency or one  
13          division within a larger department to best house all  
14          identified long-term care programs and services.
- 15          (f) The deputy healthcare transformation coordinator shall  
16          submit a report of the activities of the task force, including  
17          recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the  
18          legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
19          the 2013 regular session. The legislative reference bureau  
20          shall assist the task force in drafting legislation to implement  
21          the task force's recommendations. The task force shall be  
22          dissolved on June 30, 2013.



1           SECTION 3. (a) There is established within the office of  
2 the governor a deputy healthcare transformation coordinator for  
3 long-term care to coordinate all state activities on long-term  
4 care relating to financing, access, service delivery, and  
5 quality assurance. The deputy healthcare transformation  
6 coordinator for long-term care shall:

- 7           (1) Be selected by the director of the executive office on  
8           aging and appointed by the governor as provided in  
9           section 26-34;
- 10          (2) Be under the authority of the healthcare  
11          transformation coordinator;
- 12          (3) Convene a council of agencies responsible for long-  
13          term care to develop policies and programs on quality  
14          of care, workforce, public education, and other long-  
15          term care issues;
- 16          (4) Coordinate the establishment and responsibilities of  
17          the long-term care task force pursuant to this Act;
- 18          (5) Work with the director of the executive office on  
19          aging on all issues relating to long-term care; and
- 20          (6) Annually report to the legislature on the state of the  
21          long-term care system in Hawaii no later than twenty  
22          days prior to the convening of each regular session.



1 (b) The position of the deputy healthcare transformation  
2 coordinator shall terminate when management over all long-term  
3 care services is consolidated within a single executive  
4 department.

5 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for  
8 the position of the deputy healthcare transformation  
9 coordinator.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
11 governor for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Establishes and directs a task force to coordinate and consolidate state long-term care programs and services. Establishes the position of deputy healthcare transformation coordinator. Appropriates funds.

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