

JAN 20 2017

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CARE FACILITY INSPECTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 health is responsible for licensing, certifying, and monitoring
3 several types of care facilities, including adult day health
4 centers, adult day care centers, community care foster family
5 homes, developmental disabilities domiciliary homes,
6 developmentally disabled adult foster homes, long-term care
7 facilities, and special treatment facilities. Although the
8 department of health performs inspections to ensure a standard
9 of quality of these facilities using state monies, the
10 information in the inspection reports is difficult for the
11 public to access. As a result, Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii
12 2013, was enacted to require, among other things, the department
13 of health to make available to the public, free of charge,
14 information collected from the department's inspections of
15 certain care facilities occurring on and after January 1, 2015.
16 However, because of a lack of resources and staff, posting of
17 the inspection reports for all of the specified care facilities



1 by the department of health has not been consistent, leaving the
2 public frustrated.

3 The purpose of this Act is to provide the department of
4 health with additional resources so that the department may
5 continue to make available its care facility inspection reports
6 on the department's website, which would benefit the public by
7 granting greater access to information on the quality and
8 conditions of care facilities in the State.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
13 year 2018-2019 to enable the department of health to continue to
14 post care facility inspection reports on its website, pursuant
15 to Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, including through the
16 hiring of full-time equivalent positions (.0 FTE).

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
18 of health for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of health for the posting of care facility inspection reports on the department's website.

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