

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2015  
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 696  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

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

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

The purpose of this Act is establish the Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory board to advise the department of labor and industrial relations in fulfilling the objectives established by section 226-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the Hawaii State Planning Act to:

- (1) Provide adequate and accessible services and facilities for prevention and treatment of physical and mental health problems, including substance abuse;
- (2) Encourage improved cooperation among public and private

sectors in the provision of health care to accommodate the total health needs of individuals throughout the State;

- (3) Encourage public and private efforts to develop and promote statewide and local strategies to reduce health care and related insurance costs;
- (4) Foster an awareness of the need for personal health maintenance and preventive health care through education and other measures;
- (5) Provide programs, services, and activities that ensure environmentally healthful and sanitary conditions; and
- (6) Improve the State's capabilities in preventing contamination by pesticides and other potentially hazardous substances through increased coordination, education, monitoring, and enforcement.

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

"§371- Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory board;

established. (a) There is established within the department for administrative purposes the Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory board, which shall include the following members or their designees:

- (1) The director, who shall serve as the chair;
- (2) The director of health;
- (3) The dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa John A. Burns school of medicine;
- (4) The director of the University of Hawaii at Manoa office of public health studies;
- (5) One chancellor of a community college within the University

of Hawaii system, to be selected by the other members of the Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory board;

(6) One member of the center for nursing; and

(7) Three representatives from Hawaii's healthcare community that represent a variety of healthcare disciplines. The representatives shall be selected by the other members of the Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory board and shall serve two-year terms.

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

(c) The Hawaii healthcare workforce advisory board shall:

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.