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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established in the department of  
2 health for administrative purposes a temporary autism disorders  
3 spectrum benefits and coverage task force. The children with  
4 special health needs branch shall assist the temporary task  
5 force by providing a facilitator. The task force shall discuss  
6 and seek input on the problems faced by parents of children with  
7 autism and what can be done to ensure that proper health  
8 benefits and services are provided through public and private  
9 resources to address the special needs of children with autism,  
10 including providing services involving applied behavioral  
11 analysis techniques. In addition, the task force shall research  
12 health insurance coverage plans that cover autism spectrum  
13 disorders in other states and develop a plan of services that  
14 health insurers should be mandated to cover.

15           (b) The task force shall consist of nine members as  
16 follows:

17           (1) A member of the house of representatives appointed by  
18           the speaker of the house of representatives;



- 1 (2) A member of the senate appointed by the president of  
2 the senate;
- 3 (3) The superintendent of education or the  
4 superintendent's designee;
- 5 (4) The director of human services or the director's  
6 designee;
- 7 (5) The director of health or the director's designee;
- 8 (6) The insurance commissioner or the insurance  
9 commissioner's designee; and
- 10 (7) Three members appointed by the governor from a list  
11 submitted by the speaker of the house of  
12 representatives and president of the senate, with each  
13 member representing a different organization that  
14 represents children with autistic spectrum disorder.
- 15 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without  
16 compensation and shall receive no reimbursement for expenses.
- 17 (d) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
18 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
19 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
20 the regular session of 2009.
- 21 (e) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2009.



1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, and  
2 shall be repealed on June 30, 2009.



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**Report Title:**

Task Force; Health Coverage; Autism Spectrum Disorders

**Description:**

Establishes the temporary autism disorders spectrum benefits and coverage task force to research the problems faced by parents of children with autism and what can be done to ensure that proper benefits and services are provided through public and private resources to address the special needs of children with autism, including providing services involving applied behavioral analysis techniques. (HB2727 CD1)

