

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
2007

PURSUANT TO SECTION 321-1.4, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, REQUESTING
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT
OUTLINES THE STATUS OF THE SPECIAL FUND, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF
MONIES DEPOSITED INTO AND EXPENDED FROM THE FUND, AND SOURCES OF
RECEIPTS AND USES OF EXPENDITURES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 321-1.4, HRS, the Department of Health is submitting a report to the 2007 Legislature that outlines the amount of moneys deposited into and expended from the Hospital and Medical Facilities special fund, and the sources of receipts and uses of expenditures.

Act 120, H.B. NO. 1664 of the 1999 Legislative Session established the hospital and medical facilities special fund in order that moneys collected would be expended to assist in offsetting program expenses of the department's hospital and medical facilities branch. Act 188, H.B. NO. 1357 of the 2001 Legislative Session amended the original intent of the special fund to offset educational program expenses and enhancing the capacity of the program to improve public outreach efforts and consultations to industries regulated and educate the public, staff of the department, hospitals, nursing homes and care homes and industries regulated.

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 321-1.4, HRS.**

Introduction:

The Department of Health is committed to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all individuals receiving health care services in all settings in the State. In order to achieve this goal, the department has established minimal standards for licensure and certification that is monitored through inspections and investigations. As deficiencies are identified, the department provides consultation to correct deficient practice. However, due to the lack of resources, there has been a lack of ongoing data collection to identify areas of need, development of formalized training programs and coordination with skilled and knowledgeable professionals to provide training. With the use of the monies that will be collected through fees, the department will be able to develop a systematic training program.

Conclusion:

The special fund ceiling was established in the 2004 legislative session. To date there are no regulations to establish the fees to be collected for licensure; however, the department has collected data from other states and has a work group to develop rules. As such, there have been no licensure fee revenues deposited into the account. The below shows miscellaneous revenues collected, expenditures, encumbrances and balance as of June 30, 2006.

Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenditures/ Encumbrances	Balance
\$2,031.60	\$85.13	\$1,842.26*	\$274.47

*To facilitate training, a laptop computer which provides connection to video teleconferencing and other video equipment was purchased.