

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
2005

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 2005 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 is in the process of collecting data from other states and has a work group to develop rules. As such, there have been no revenues deposited into the account, and no expenditures made.