

REPORT TO THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
2020

PURSUANT TO SECTION 448B-10, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT OUTLINES THE STATUS OF THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ASSURANCE DIETITIAN LICENSURE SPECIAL FUND, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF MONEYS 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 448B-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Department of Health is submitting a report to the 2020 Legislature that identifies the amount of moneys deposited into and expended from the Office of Health Care Assurance Dietitian Licensure Special Fund, and the sources of receipts and uses of expenditures.

Act 280, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2000, established the dietitian licensure special fund in order that moneys collected would be expended to assist in offsetting program expenses of the department. Act 229, on 6/27/2013 (Gov. Msg. No. 1332), amended Section 448B HRS to identify an amount that may be expended and to establish a ceiling for the balance of the special fund.

The current balance as of June 30, 2019, is \$71,871.70.

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 448B-10, 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 dietitian licensure through a dietitian licensure program.

Pursuant to Section 448B HRS, no person shall purport to be a licensed dietitian or use the letters L.D. in connection with the person's name, or use any words or symbols indicating or tending to indicate that the person is a licensed dietitian without meeting the applicable requirements and holding a license as set forth in statute. This is the extent of the dietitian licensing program. Dietitians are not required to be licensed in order to practice dietetics in Hawaii.

The dietitian licensure program was implemented in August 2012. Licenses are valid for three (3) years from date of issue and require a non-refundable licensure fee of \$225. There are added fees for license applications, late renewals, inactive status, replacement licenses, and other fees. Currently, there are 166 licensed dietitians.

Licensure fees are required to be paid by the applicant in order to apply for and become licensed as a Hawaii licensed dietitian. The licensure fees are established under Chapter 11-79, HAR and collected and deposited into the dietitian licensure special fund.

**Conclusion:**

The dietitian licensure special fund expenditure authorization and balance ceiling are stipulated in Section 448B-10 HRS. Pursuant to Section 448B-10, not more than \$30,000 of the special fund may be used during any fiscal year for activities associated with administering the licensure program, and any amount in the special fund in excess of \$35,000 on June of each fiscal year shall be deposited into the general fund.

Licensure fees were collected beginning when the licensure program was implemented.

During state FY 2019, \$17,350.00 in licensure fees were collected and deposited and there were \$742.50 in cash transfers as a B&F assessment on the special fund. Below is the fund balance as of June 30, 2019.

<b>Beginning Balance (July 1, 2017)</b>	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Cash Transfer</b>	<b>Expenditures/ Encumbrances</b>	<b>Balance (June 30, 2018)</b>
\$55,264.20	\$17,350.00	\$742.50	\$0.00	\$71,871.70