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Bruce S. Anderson, PhD

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Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D. was appointed as Director of Health at the State of Hawai'i Department of Health by Governor Ige effective June 1, 2018. Dr. Anderson previously served as Director of Health from 1999- 2002 and as Deputy Director of Environmental Health from 1987 – 1998 and, prior to that, as State Epidemiologist. The Director of Health is the chief health and environmental official in Hawai'i and oversees more than 100 programs and over 2,700 dedicated staff whose mission it is to protect and improve the health and environment for all people in Hawai'i. He also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, which includes 12 public health hospitals providing inpatient and outpatient services primarily in rural areas across the state. Altogether, Bruce has over 35 years of experience managing health and environmental protection programs in Hawai'i.



Bruce was born and raised in Hawai'i. He attended Punahou School on O'ahu, graduated from Colorado College and received a master's degree in Public Health from Yale University and a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from the University of Hawai'i. When he's not at work, you will probably find him saltwater fly fishing or hiking, riding horses or gardening with his wife, Debbie, on their farm on the Big Island.