
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended for immediate passage
2 in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution
3 of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. Although funds were appropriated to the
5 department of health for adult mental health services for the
6 fiscal period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007,
7 a funding emergency now exists. The program will expend all
8 appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year,
9 and the department will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation
10 to provide services to certain adults with severe mental
11 illness.

12 Over the past four fiscal years, the adult mental health
13 division has served an increasing number of eligible mental
14 health consumers and has provided an increased number of crisis
15 outreach, eligibility determination, homeless outreach, and jail
16 diversion services. This emergency appropriation is necessary
17 to continue existing services to meet the needs of the expanding



1 eligible population and to continue funding of required services
2 developed during the fiscal year. This increase in services and
3 the number of consumers served first resulted from the
4 settlement agreement and subsequent orders in *United States of*
5 *America v. State of Hawaii*, Civil Number 91-00137 (DAE/KSC), and
6 continues in response to the need for public mental health
7 services that the adult mental health division provides.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate or authorize
9 funds for ongoing services of the adult mental health division.

10 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
11 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
12 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
13 that the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2006-
14 2007 has already been exceeded by \$90,137,694 or 1.68 per cent.
15 The appropriations contained in this Act will cause the state
16 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2006-2007 to be
17 exceeded by an additional \$8,377,698, or an additional 0.156 per
18 cent. The calculation contained in the foregoing sentence
19 relates only to the amount of general funds appropriated in this
20 Act for fiscal year 2006-2007. The reasons for exceeding the
21 general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriations



1 made in this Act are necessary to serve the public interest and
2 to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$8,377,698 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
6 ongoing services provided by the adult mental health division.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
8 health for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation; DOH

Description:

Authorizes an emergency appropriation for FY 2006-2007 (\$8,377,698) from general funds to the DOH, for ongoing services provided by the adult mental health division. (HB1370 HD1)

