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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO
EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DESIGN,
ESTABLISHMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCREDITED POST-
DOCTORAL FORENSIC TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PSYCHIATRISTS AND
PSYCHOLOGISTS.

1 WHEREAS, this body finds that the forensic mental health
2 system provides essential and critically important services to
3 the Judiciary, public mental health system, legal community, and
4 general public; and
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6 WHEREAS, as outlined in chapter 704, Hawaii Revised
7 Statutes, forensic mental health evaluators perform evaluations
8 on defendants charged with criminal conduct in order to
9 determine if defendants are competent to stand trial, bear
10 criminal responsibility, or can be considered for post-acquittal
11 conditional release; and
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13 WHEREAS, forensic mental health evaluators conduct
14 evaluations in the state hospitals, jails and prisons, and the
15 community which are utilized by the courts in the administration
16 and disposition of individuals with mental illness involved with
17 the judicial system; and
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii needs ongoing availability of educated and
20 specially trained licensed forensic mental health professionals
21 in psychology and psychiatry to remain consistent with state
22 statutes including chapter 704, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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24 WHEREAS, education and training of forensic mental health
25 evaluators is necessary to ensure the quality and
26 professionalism of those who conduct forensic mental health
27 evaluations; and
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29 WHEREAS, the needs of the forensic mental health system and
30 defendants with mental health issues require the ongoing
31 availability of educated and specially trained licensed forensic
32 mental health professionals in psychology and psychiatry; and
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1 WHEREAS, this body finds it essential to establish
2 accredited post-doctoral forensic training programs for
3 psychologists and psychiatrists, with training and service
4 components in various mental health and public safety agencies
5 and educational institutions in the community; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
9 that the Department of Health is requested to convene a task
10 force composed of government agencies and other stakeholders to
11 evaluate and make recommendations for designing, establishing,
12 and implementing accredited post-doctoral forensic training
13 programs for psychiatrists and psychologists, with training and
14 service components in various mental health and public safety
15 agencies and educational institutions in the community; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider but not
18 be limited to the following issues:
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- 20 (1) The training, education, professional experience, and
21 direct supervision to be delivered in post-doctoral
22 forensic training programs that will meet certain
23 requirements for licensure in psychology and the
24 requirements for board certification by the American
25 Board of Forensic Psychology and the American Board of
26 Psychiatry and Neurology certification in Forensic
27 Psychiatry;
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- 29 (2) The accreditation requirements of the Accreditation
30 Council on Graduate Medical Education and Association
31 for Psychology Postdoctoral and Internships Centers
32 that the post-doctoral forensic training programs
33 should meet;
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- 35 (3) Collaborative engagements that the post-doctoral
36 forensic training programs will have with the
37 Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, and
38 the Judiciary to provide supervised training
39 experiences for post-doctoral psychiatry and
40 psychology fellows; and
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- (4) Recommending the most effective model for achieving educational, training, and workforce development goals including where the programs will be based and how the programs will be administered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members be selected by the head of the following state departments or agencies and be composed of representatives from:

- (1) Department of Health;
- (2) Department of the Attorney General;
- (3) Department of Public Safety;
- (4) Judiciary;
- (5) William S. Richardson School of Law;
- (6) John A. Burns School of Medicine - Department of Psychiatry;
- (7) University of Hawaii at Manoa - Department of Psychology;
- (8) A community forensic psychologist, selected by the Director of Health, who serves as an independent community-based examiner for the Judiciary; and
- (9) A forensic psychiatrist, selected by the Director of Health, who serves as an independent community-based examiner for the Judiciary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the Director's designee, chair the task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to assist the task force in drafting its final report and any proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to meet at least monthly from July 2016 through December 2016, and



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is requested to submit a final report with any recommendations regarding the issues reviewed, including any proposed legislation and requests for funding no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Attorney General, Director of Public Safety, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii, President of the University of Hawaii, Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law, Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, and Chair of the Department of Psychology of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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