
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that persons with severe
2 persistent mental illness often require specialized residential
3 services. However, the high cost of housing creates a shortage
4 of available homes for these individuals, and the severely
5 mentally ill often become homeless. The legislature further
6 finds that the development of project-based housing as a bridge
7 to permanent housing is difficult to develop due to high costs.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
9 use of the mental health and substance abuse special fund to
10 provide housing for persons with a life-long serious mental
11 illness.

12 SECTION 2. Section 334-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14 "(a) There is established a special fund to be known as
15 the mental health and substance abuse special fund into which
16 shall be deposited all revenues and other moneys collected from
17 certification programs and treatment services rendered by the



1 mental health and substance abuse programs operated by the
2 State. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
3 department is authorized to establish separate accounts within
4 the special fund for depositing moneys received from
5 certification programs and from each mental health and substance
6 abuse program. Moneys deposited into the respective accounts of
7 each program shall be used for the payment of the operating
8 expenses of the respective program[-]; provided that per
9 cent of all pre-deposit moneys shall be used for housing for
10 residents who qualify for social security disability benefits
11 and are diagnosed with a life-long serious mental illness."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2075.



Report Title:

Housing; Mental Illness; Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Special Fund

Description:

Requires use of an unspecified percentage of funds in the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund to provide housing for residents who qualify for Social Security disability benefits and are diagnosed with a life-long serious mental illness.
(HB874 HD1)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

