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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, pursuant to section  
2 334-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, "[i]t is the intent of the  
3 legislature to establish a statewide system of residential  
4 treatment programs" to be developed across the State of Hawai'i.  
5 The legislature further finds that under section 334-14, the  
6 department of health has a mandate to facilitate mental health  
7 and substance abuse care and treatment for the homeless  
8 population. The legislature additionally finds that the current  
9 combined capacity of all residential treatment centers in Hawai'i  
10 is approximately three hundred, of which only half are open due  
11 to dual diagnosis treatment, while almost one hundred thousand  
12 people have been identified by the department of health to need  
13 substance abuse treatment.

14           The legislature also finds that the successful treatment  
15 length for chronic substance abusers is between one and a half  
16 to three years, as during that time they not only learn to be  
17 substance-free, but also learn the skills and coping mechanisms



1 to return back to society without falling into old patterns.  
2 The legislature further finds that with only three hundred beds  
3 available in residential treatment facilities, the State falls  
4 negligently behind in providing Hawai'i's residents with the help  
5 that they need,

6 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the  
7 department of health to establish residential substance abuse  
8 treatment facilities and appropriate funds for that purpose.

9 SECTION 2. The department of health shall establish  
10 residential treatment facilities for substance abuse treatment  
11 and for dual-diagnosed patients who suffer from a mental health  
12 disorder and a substance abuse disorder.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawai'i the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2020-2021 to establish residential substance abuse treatment  
18 facilities.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
20 of health for the purposes of this Act.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Health; Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Health to establish residential substance abuse treatment facilities and appropriates funds for that purpose.

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