



GOV. MSG. NO. 1256

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB541 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO HEALTH
ACT 154 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

ORIGINAL

ACT 154

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 541
H.D. 1
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, is
2 amended by amending section 1 to read as follows:
- 3 "SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the
4 department of health a working group to evaluate current
5 behavioral health care and related systems and identify ~~[steps~~
6 ~~that may be taken to promote effective integration to more~~
7 ~~effectively respond to and coordinate care for persons~~
8 ~~experiencing]~~ gaps in services, coordinate funding sources, and
9 establish and identify outcome measures for persons experiencing
10 behavioral health or substance abuse[, ~~mental health~~
11 conditions, and resultant consequences, including homelessness.
- 12 (b) The working group shall consist of the following
13 members:
- 14 (1) The director of health, or the director's designee,
15 who shall serve as chair;
- 16 (2) One representative from the behavioral health services
17 administration of the department of health;



- 1 (3) One representative of the department of public safety;
- 2 (4) One representative from the med-QUEST division of the
- 3 department of human services;
- 4 (5) One representative of the judiciary;
- 5 (6) One representative from the insurance division of the
- 6 department of commerce and consumer affairs;
- 7 (7) ~~[One or more representatives of the Hawaii Opioid~~
- 8 ~~Initiative executive steering committee;]~~ The
- 9 governor's coordinator on homelessness, or the
- 10 coordinator's designee;
- 11 (8) The administrator of the office of Hawaiian affairs,
- 12 or the administrator's designee;
- 13 (9) One representative from the University of Hawaii
- 14 John A. Burns school of medicine department of
- 15 psychiatry who is affiliated with the American Society
- 16 of Addiction Medicine;
- 17 ~~[-(8)-]~~ (10) One representative from each entity operating a
- 18 health plan in the State, who the director of health
- 19 shall invite to participate on the working group;



- 1 [~~(9)~~] (11) One or more members of the Hawaii Substance Abuse
2 Coalition, who the director of health shall invite to
3 participate on the working group;
- 4 [~~(10)~~] (12) One representative of the Hawaii interagency
5 council on homelessness;
- 6 [~~(11)~~] (13) One clinical social worker licensed under
7 chapter 467E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- 8 [~~(12)~~] (14) Others as recommended by the working group.
- 9 (c) The working group shall evaluate:
- 10 (1) Inventory of funding streams and their metrics;
- 11 (2) Currently existing barriers to treatment access;
- 12 (3) Policies and practices that perpetuate or
13 substantially contribute to access barriers;
- 14 (4) Practices that would improve care coordination and
15 increase access to care;
- 16 (5) Policies or legislative actions that are recommended
17 to effectuate coordinated entry and coordinated
18 systems of behavioral health care; and
- 19 (6) Defined roles and responsibilities recommended of
20 state, county, and community entities.



1 (d) Members of the working group shall serve without
2 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
3 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
4 expenses. No member of the working group shall be subject to
5 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the
6 member's participation in the working group.

7 (e) Two or more members of the working group, but less
8 than the number of members [~~which~~] that would constitute a
9 quorum for the working group, may discuss between themselves
10 matters relating to official business of the working group to
11 enable them to faithfully perform their duties to the working
12 group and the organizations they represent, as long as no
13 commitment to vote is made or sought. Such discussions shall be
14 a permitted interaction under section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised
15 Statutes.

16 (f) The working group shall submit a report of its
17 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
18 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of [~~2020-~~] 2022.



1 (g) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30,
2 [~~2021.~~] 2023."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2021.

APPROVED this 01 day of JUL , 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 541, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 27, 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

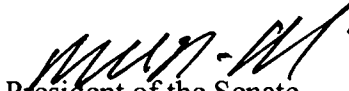


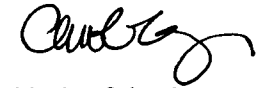
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 27, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate