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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 (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.



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**Report Title:**

DOH; Working Group; Behavioral Health Care

**Description:**

Clarifies that the duties of the working group established by Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, within the Department of Health include identifying gaps in services; coordinating funding sources; and establishing and identifying outcome measures for behavioral health, substance abuse, and homelessness. Effective 6/29/2021. (CD1)

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