
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE VENDING FACILITIES PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that individuals living
2 with serious mental illness should have the opportunity to
3 pursue self-employment to improve their economic and health
4 outcomes in a similar manner as individuals participating in the
5 blind and visually handicapped vendor program pursuant to
6 section 102-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, through the department
7 of human services, division of vocational rehabilitation,
8 Ho‘oponopono Services for the Blind Branch.

9 The legislature recognizes that a program that expands
10 employment opportunities to individuals living with a serious
11 mental illness can lead to economic independence as well as
12 improve the mental health stability and reduce negative health
13 outcomes such as hospitalizations.

14 The legislature finds that a vending facilities program for
15 vendors with serious mental illness must be funded separately
16 from section 102-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, known as the "Mini
17 Randolph-Sheppard Act", which specifically extends the priority



1 for vending facilities in state or county public buildings in
2 Hawaii to blind and visually handicapped persons.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

4 (1) Establish a two-year vendor facilities pilot program
5 task force within the department of health for vendors
6 with serious mental illness; and

7 (2) Require the vendor facilities pilot program task force
8 to submit an annual report to the governor and the
9 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
10 convening of the 2022 and 2023 regular legislative
11 sessions.

12 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
13 of health a vendor facilities pilot program task force for
14 vendors with serious mental illness to:

15 (1) Review existing laws and programs related to vendor
16 priority programs;

17 (2) Plan and design the implementation of a two-year
18 vendor facilities pilot project providing priority to
19 vendors with serious mental illness; and

20 (3) Conduct monthly meetings with vendor facilities pilot
21 project task force members.



1 (b) The vendor facilities pilot program task force shall
2 be chaired by the director of health, or their designee, and the
3 director or director's designee shall invite the following task
4 force members:

5 (1) The director of human services or their designee;

6 (2) The director of accounting and general services or
7 their designee;

8 (3) The head of the building facilities management
9 department of each county or their designee;

10 (4) Eight Clubhouse members identified by the Clubhouse
11 Coalition, with preferably at least one member from
12 each county;

13 (5) Four staff personnel assigned to support Clubhouse
14 Coalition operations from each county;

15 (6) One member from the organization Protecting Hawaii's
16 Ohana, Children, Under-Served, Elderly, and Disabled
17 (PHOCUSED);

18 (7) One member from the University of Hawaii at Manoa,
19 Center on Disability Studies;

20 (8) One member from the National Alliance for Mental
21 Illness (NAMI); and



1 (9) One member from Mental Health America Hawaii.

2 Task force members shall serve without compensation but
3 shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred, including
4 travel expenses. The task force shall be exempt from the
5 requirements of parts I and II of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes.

7 SECTION 3. The department of health shall submit a report
8 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
9 legislation, to the legislature and governor no later than
10 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of
11 2022 through 2023 on the status of the vendor facilities pilot
12 program established pursuant to this Act. The annual report
13 shall include a proposal for funding sources for the vendor
14 facilities pilot program.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on May 1, 2029.



Report Title:

Vending Facilities Program; Mental Illness; Task Force; Pilot

Description:

Establishes a two-year vendor facilities pilot program task force for vendors with serious mental illness within the department of health. Requires the vendor facilities pilot program task force submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2022 through 2023 regular sessions. Takes effect on 5/1/2029. (SD1)

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