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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NON-VIOLENT RESPONSE TEAM PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of health shall establish a
2 two-year pilot program for a non-violent response team to
3 provide mobile crisis intervention response to incidents related
4 to mental health, substance abuse, suicide threats, as well as
5 providing conflict resolution and welfare checks in lieu of an
6 armed response on the island of Oahu.

7 (b) The department of health may coordinate with public or
8 private entities, as appropriate, to develop and implement the
9 non-violent response team; provided that the response team
10 shall:

11 (1) Consist of at least one each of the following: a
12 nurse, paramedic, or emergency medical technician, and
13 crisis worker who has substantial training and
14 experience in the mental health field;

15 (2) Not carry firearms; and

16 (3) Not perform law enforcement duties.



1 (c) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,
2 2023.

3 SECTION 2. The department of health shall submit an annual
4 report on the pilot program established pursuant to this Act to
5 the governor and the legislature at least twenty days prior to
6 the convening of the 2022 and 2023 regular legislative sessions.

7 The annual report shall include:

8 (1) A summary of the responses and interventions made by
9 the non-violent response team during that year;

10 (2) Proposals for future projects and programs;

11 (3) A financial report for the preceding fiscal year; and

12 (4) Objectives and budget projections for the following
13 fiscal year.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021-2022 and
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
18 year 2022-2023 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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 upon its approval.

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Report Title:

First responder; Non-violent response; Mental health; Substance Abuse; Pilot program; Appropriations

Description:

Directs the department of health to create a two-year non-violent response team pilot program. Appropriates funds.

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