

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUICIDE COUNSELING SERVICES.

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

- SECTION 1. Chapter 334, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated

 and to read as follows:

 Suicide counseling services. (a) All community
- mental health centers, psychiatric facilities, special treatment
 facilities, hospitals, and any other institutions or facilities,
 whether public or private, that provide mental health treatment
- 8 <u>shall provide one-on-one suicide counseling services to patients</u>
- 9 who have attempted or threatened suicide.
- (b) Suicide counseling services shall be provided by a
- 11 licensed physician, psychologist, psychiatrist, or an advanced
- 12 practice registered nurse with a psychiatric specialization and
- 13 shall be available at any time to patients at community mental
- 14 health centers, psychiatric facilities, special treatment
- 15 facilities, hospitals, and any other institutions or facilities,
- 16 whether public or private, that provide mental health
- 17 treatment."



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1 SECTION 2.	New statutory	material is	underscored.
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2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Mental Health; Suicide Counseling Services; Health Care Facilities

Description:

Requires all facilities that provide mental health treatment to provide one-on-one suicide counseling services to patients who have attempted or threatened suicide. Specifies the health care providers who may provide suicide counseling services.

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