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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADULT MENTAL HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that significant budget  
2 cuts were necessitated by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic  
3 and that the department of health's adult mental health division  
4 saw an eleven per cent reduction in the number of its staff.  
5 The loss of ninety-nine permanent positions and sixty-three  
6 temporary positions has limited the division's ability to meet  
7 its mission of providing integrated mental health services for  
8 individuals having serious mental illness who are uninsured or  
9 underinsured, subject to court-ordered evaluation, in the care  
10 and custody of the department of health, or in crisis. The  
11 eliminated staff included social workers, mental health  
12 specialists, nursing staff, psychiatrists, clinical  
13 psychologists, security staff, other inpatient mental health  
14 staff, other outpatient staff, and other workers at the Hawaii  
15 state hospital.



1 The legislature further finds that the State's economic  
2 outlook has improved and concludes that it is time to  
3 sufficiently fund the work of the adult mental health division.

4 The purpose of this Act is to restore ninety-nine positions  
5 to the department of health adult mental health division and  
6 appropriate funds to fill those positions.

7 SECTION 2. Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, is amended  
8 by amending section 3, item numbers E-13 and E-14 to read as  
9 follows:

10	"13. HTH420 - ADULT MENTAL HEALTH - OUTPATIENT		177.50*	[ <del>177.50*</del> ]
11				<u>210.00*</u>
12			87.50#	87.50#
13	OPERATING	HTH	58,152,953A	[ <del>58,152,953A</del> ]
14				<u>63,690,394A</u>
15		HTH	11,610,000B	11,610,000B
16			1.00#	1.00#
17		HTH	2,333,370N	2,333,370N
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19	14. HTH430 - ADULT MENTAL HEALTH - INPATIENT		737.00*	[ <del>737.00*</del> ]
20				<u>803.5*</u>
21			23.00#	23.00#
22	OPERATING	HTH	87,811,711A	[ <del>87,811,711A</del> ]
23				<u>92,238,607A</u>
24		HTH	6,180,433V	V
25	INVESTMENT CAPITAL	AGS	4,700,000C	300,000C"
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29 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
30 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

31 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DOH; Adult Mental Health; Positions; Restore; Appropriation

**Description:**

Restores Department of Health Adult Mental Health Division funding and permanent positions cut during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic. Appropriates moneys. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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