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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. There is established the behavioral health  
2 crisis center pilot program, to be administered by the  
3 department of health. The department of health shall:

4           (1) Identify unused state facilities to be converted to  
5 behavioral health crisis centers that shall provide  
6 short-term residential beds to allow for the  
7 stabilization, triage, and assessment of patients in  
8 need of services for mental health conditions or  
9 substance use, and may include conditions stemming  
10 from homelessness; and

11           (2) Coordinate and work with representatives of county  
12 police departments and mental health workers to  
13 establish the procedures for bringing individuals in  
14 need of crisis services to the behavioral health  
15 crisis centers.

16           SECTION 2. The department of health shall provide a report  
17 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the



1 convening of the regular session of 2023, which shall detail  
2 the:

3 (1) Facilities identified to be used in the behavioral  
4 health crisis center pilot program;

5 (2) Procedures established for individuals in need of  
6 crisis services to be admitted into a behavioral  
7 health crisis center; and

8 (3) Expenditures of all funds for the behavioral health  
9 crisis center pilot program, as of the date of the  
10 report.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for  
14 the purposes of this Act.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16 health for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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# S.B. NO. 2528

**Report Title:**

Behavioral Health Crisis Center; Pilot Program; Department of Health

**Description:**

Establishes the behavioral health crisis center pilot program within the Department of Health. Appropriates funds.

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