



GOV. MSG. NO. 1190

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 14, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 14, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB948 HD2 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO CHILD AND ADOLESCENT
MENTAL HEALTH.
ACT 089

Sincerely,



Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 14 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 948
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to
2 improve mental health crisis intervention for at-risk youths in
3 the community by expanding existing crisis response services to
4 provide trauma-informed engagement within the system and
5 individual training in trauma-informed care. These expanded
6 services may reduce the risk of harm to youths; promote safety
7 for youths in home, school, and community settings; reduce the
8 use of emergency facilities, acute psychiatric hospitals, and
9 other out-of-home placements for youths; increase supports
10 available to youths and families to maintain placement and
11 improve quality of life; and provide trauma-informed care and
12 ongoing support to youths and families in the community.

13 The purpose of this Act is to establish, and appropriate
14 funds for, a child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team
15 pilot program to provide additional support and expansion of
16 services for existing crisis response services, with one crisis
17 mobile outreach team to be located on Oahu and one crisis mobile



1 outreach team to be located at a site on a neighbor island, as
2 determined by the department of health.

3 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a child and
4 adolescent crisis mobile outreach team pilot program within the
5 child and adolescent mental health division of the department of
6 health to expand and support existing crisis response services
7 and programs for at-risk youths. One crisis mobile outreach
8 team shall be located on Oahu, and one crisis mobile outreach
9 team shall be located at a site on a neighbor island. The
10 department of health shall determine the most appropriate site
11 on a neighbor island for the crisis mobile outreach team. The
12 pilot program shall begin on January 1, 2024.

13 (b) The child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team
14 pilot program shall provide, to the extent practicable with
15 available resources, the following services to children and
16 adolescents:

- 17 (1) Crisis prevention with community collaboration and
18 community program development;
- 19 (2) Face-to-face intervention within one hour of a request
20 for intervention;
- 21 (3) Crisis de-escalation and assessment; and



- 1 (4) Stabilization for not more than eight weeks,
2 including:
3 (A) Connecting youths to community supports and
4 services;
5 (B) In-home clinical support for youths and families;
6 (C) Connection with higher level support if
7 determined necessary by the crisis mobile
8 outreach team; and
9 (D) Collaboration with community partners and other
10 state agencies.

11 (c) The child and adolescent mental health division of the
12 department of health shall submit a report to the legislature,
13 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
14 session of 2025, with findings and recommendations arising from
15 the child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team pilot
16 program, including any proposed legislation and a recommendation
17 as to whether the pilot program should be extended.

18 (d) The child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team
19 pilot program shall end on December 31, 2025.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,500,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2024-2025 to establish a crisis mobile outreach team pilot
4 program to expand existing crisis response services and for the
5 hiring and training of mental health professionals with trauma-
6 informed training and experience working with youth; provided
7 that the sums appropriated shall be allocated as follows:

- 8 (1) \$1,750,000 for one crisis mobile outreach team to be
9 located on Oahu; and
10 (2) \$1,750,000 for one crisis mobile outreach team to be
11 located at a site on a neighbor island; provided
12 further that the site shall be determined by the
13 department of health.

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

16 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
17 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
19 appropriations contained in H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D.
20 1, will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for
21 fiscal year 2023-2024 to be exceeded by \$1,063,767,367 or 10 per

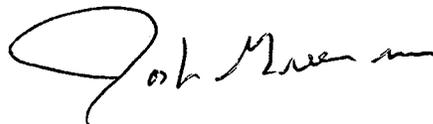


1 cent. In addition, the appropriations contained in this Act
2 will cause the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year
3 2023-2024 to be further exceeded by \$3,500,000 or 1 per cent.
4 The combined total amount of general fund appropriations
5 contained in only these two Acts will cause the state general
6 fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be
7 exceeded by \$1,067,267,367 or 11 per cent. The reasons for
8 exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 9 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
10 serve the public interest; and
11 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
12 addressed by this Act.

13 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

APPROVED this 14th day of June , 2023



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 948, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: **MAY 04 2023**
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

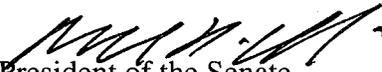


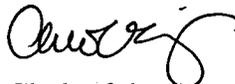
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: MAY 04 2023
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2023.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate