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# 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 \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
2 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
3 year 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) \$ for one crisis mobile outreach team to be  
9 located on Oahu; and

10 (2) \$ 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. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Crisis Mobile Outreach Team Pilot Program; Children and Adolescents; At-Risk Youth; Appropriations

**Description:**

Establishes a 2-year child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team pilot program on Oahu and 1 neighbor island site to expand existing crisis response services. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/2050. (SD2)

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