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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO  
IMPLEMENT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL.

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for  
2 immediate passage in accordance with article VII, section 9, of  
3 the Hawaii State Constitution.

4           SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the Hawaii state  
5 hospital is the only publicly funded state psychiatric hospital  
6 in the State. The hospital is organized within the adult mental  
7 health division of the department of health and provides adult  
8 inpatient psychiatric services. The Hawaii state hospital is  
9 accredited by The Joint Commission, most recently in December  
10 2021, for thirty-six months, and is licensed as a health care  
11 facility by the office of health care assurance of the  
12 department of health.

13           The department of health contracted with a consultant in  
14 2023 to evaluate hospital operations in response to increasing  
15 demand for secure psychiatric services. The consultant's report  
16 was submitted in early 2024 and makes recommendations for



1 effectively accommodating the rising influx of patients while  
2 ensuring the delivery of quality care, establishing a safer  
3 environment, and supporting fiscal responsibility. In addition  
4 to the reorganization and addition of staff, the Hawaii state  
5 hospital requires both building and equipment upgrades as part  
6 of its quality improvement plan as follows:

- 7 (1) full-time equivalent ( FTE) positions;
- 8 (2) \$ for salary for newly created full-time  
9 equivalent positions;
- 10 (3) \$ for telecommunications and networking  
11 upgrades;
- 12 (4) \$ for miscellaneous improvements to campus  
13 facilities;
- 14 (5) \$ for the construction of a guard shack; and
- 15 (6) \$ for mental health continuum of care  
16 services and contracted security for the Hawaii state  
17 hospital campus.

18 The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency  
19 appropriation from the mental health and substance abuse special  
20 fund to the department of health to implement quality  
21 improvement recommendations for the Hawaii state hospital.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the mental health  
2 and substance abuse special fund the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for  
4 the department of health to implement quality improvement  
5 recommendations for the Hawaii state hospital.

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

DOH; Hawaii State Hospital; Quality Improvements; Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund; Emergency Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation from the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund to the Department of Health to implement quality improvement measures recommended in the 2024 consultant report for the Hawaii State Hospital. (SD1)

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