

JAN 18 2024

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 department
7 of health adult mental health division, and provides adult
8 inpatient psychiatric services. It is accredited by The Joint
9 Commission, most recently in December 2021 for thirty-six
10 months, and is licensed as a health care facility by the
11 department of health's office of health care assurance.

12 The department contracted with a consultant in 2023 to
13 evaluate hospital operations in response to increasing demand
14 for secure psychiatric services. The consultant's report was
15 accepted in early 2024 and makes recommendations for effectively
16 accommodating the rising influx of patients while ensuring the



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

- 6 (1) 4.0 full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) positions for an
7 associate administrator unit;
- 8 (2) 4.0 full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) positions for a
9 dedicated facilities unit;
- 10 (3) 27.0 full-time equivalent (27.0 FTE) positions for an
11 operations unit;
- 12 (4) 8.0 full-time equivalent (8.0 FTE) positions for
13 clinical programs units;
- 14 (5) \$4,500,000 for salary for newly created full-time
15 equivalent positions;
- 16 (6) \$325,000 for equipment for dietary services and plant
17 operations;
- 18 (7) \$650,000 for telecommunications and networking
19 upgrades; and
- 20 (8) \$500,000 for miscellaneous improvements to campus
21 facilities.



1 The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency
2 appropriation to provide funds to the department of health to
3 implement quality improvement recommendations for the Hawaii
4 state hospital.

5 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
6 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
7 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
8 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
9 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
10 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
11 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
12 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
13 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
14 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
15 ceiling are that:

- 16 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
17 serve the public interest; and
18 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
19 addressed by this Act.

20 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,975,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the
2 department of health to implement quality improvement
3 recommendations for the Hawaii state hospital.

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

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 2250

Report Title:

DOH; Hawaii State Hospital; Quality Improvement; Expenditure Ceiling; Emergency Appropriation

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Department of Health to implement quality improvement recommendations at the Hawaii State Hospital. Declares that the general fund expenditure is exceeded.

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