
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii state
2 hospital is the only publicly funded state psychiatric hospital
3 in the State. The hospital is organized within the adult mental
4 health division of the department of health, and provides adult
5 inpatient psychiatric services. The Hawaii State Hospital is
6 accredited by The Joint Commission, most recently in December
7 2021, for thirty-six months, and is licensed as a healthcare
8 facility by the office of health care assurance of the
9 department of health.

10 The legislature further finds that following a tragic
11 incident on Hawaii state hospital grounds, the department of
12 health conducted a comprehensive safety review. As a result, a
13 series of quality improvement recommendations were made to
14 increase oversight of safety and security, enhance safety and
15 security measures, and decrease hospital census through measures
16 such as increasing mental health provider reimbursement,



1 expanding the number of group homes, and increasing the number
2 of forensic psychologists to perform court evaluations.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
4 department of health to implement these quality improvement
5 recommendations for the Hawaii state hospital.

6 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
7 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
8 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
9 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,
10 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure
11 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
12 \$ or per cent. This current declaration takes
13 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal
14 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act
15 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure
16 ceiling are that:

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



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to
4 implement quality improvement measures recommended in the
5 comprehensive safety review for the Hawaii state hospital,
6 including:

- 7 (1) \$ for full-time equivalent (FTE)
8 positions; and
- 9 (2) \$ for service contracts and provider
10 reimbursement.

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

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.



Report Title:

DOH; Hawaii State Hospital; Comprehensive Safety Review; Quality Improvement; Employee Safety; Patient Safety; Patient Census; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to implement quality improvement measures recommended in the comprehensive safety review for the Hawaii State Hospital. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. (SD1)

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