
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 86, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2024, established a crisis intervention and diversion
3 services program within the department of health to expand
4 existing services and divert those with mental health issues to
5 appropriate health care services. This program, along with the
6 new behavioral health crisis center at the Iwilei resource
7 center, connects individuals, including those who are homeless
8 or at risk of homelessness, to appropriate crisis services and
9 other community resources. While these programs have proven
10 successful, often the scope of the programs is not enough to
11 cover all areas of the State.

12 The legislature further finds that homelessness is a
13 significant issue in west Oahu, with a noticeable presence of
14 unsheltered individuals living in parks and along the coastline,
15 particularly around the Waianae area. Some of these unsheltered
16 individuals suffer from issues relating to drugs, alcohol, or



1 mental illness and do not have access to the appropriate
2 services for help.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to expand the crisis
4 intervention and diversion services program by ensuring that the
5 program services individuals residing in west Oahu.

6 SECTION 2. Section 334-171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

8 "(a) There shall be established within the department [a]
9 crisis intervention and diversion services program to redirect
10 persons experiencing mental health disorders and co-occurring
11 mental health and substance use disorders who are at risk for
12 involvement, or currently involved, with the criminal justice
13 system to the appropriate health care system and services[-];
14 provided that the department shall establish at least two crisis
15 intervention and diversion services sites on the island of Oahu;
16 provided further that of the two sites on Oahu, one site shall
17 be located within the 96792 postal zip code. The department
18 shall collaborate with law enforcement agencies, courts, mental
19 health providers, and the community for the execution and
20 implementation of these services."



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1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program; Department of Health; West Oahu

Description:

Expands the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program to include at least two sites on the island of Oahu, including one program in west Oahu.

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