

ACT 7

H.B. NO. 2854

A Bill for An Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

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

SECTION 2. Although funds were appropriated to the department of health for the child and adolescent mental health division for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998, a critical funding emergency now exists. The program will expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year, and the department will be unable to meet its fiscal obligation to provide services to certain emotionally disturbed children and adolescents. The increase in case referrals and court-directed placements are the primary contributing factors to this financial situation.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate or authorize moneys to prevent the reduction or discontinuance of services to certain emotionally disturbed children and adolescents.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,663,442 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997-1998 to be used for services provided to certain emotionally disturbed children and adolescents.

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

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

(Approved April 7, 1998.)