

ACT 25

S.B. NO. 2877

A Bill for an Act Relating to Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

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, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000, a critical funding emergency now exists. The program will expend all appropriated general and special 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 increases in case referrals, services, and court-directed placements are the primary contributing factors to this financial situation. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate additional general and special fund moneys to allow the child and adolescent mental health division to continue to provide 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 \$17,735,924, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal

year 1999-2000, to be used in support of services provided to certain emotionally disturbed children and adolescents.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the child and adolescent mental health special fund the sum of \$378,646, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1999-2000, to be used in support of services provided to certain emotionally disturbed children and adolescents.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the behavioral health administration special fund the sum of \$38,866, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1999-2000, to be used in support of services provided to certain emotionally disturbed children and adolescents.

SECTION 6. Provided that of the sums appropriated in Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this Act for the child and adolescent mental health division (HTH 460), a minimum of ten per cent of the funds to be expended for any new treatment or service programs shall be expended by the department of health for the purpose of conducting process and outcome evaluations of these programs; provided further that:

- (1) These process and outcome evaluations shall be conducted for the department of health by an independent evaluator;
- (2) The department of health shall submit reports of these process and outcome evaluations:
 - (A) To the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2002; and
 - (B) To the auditor, at any time, upon the request of the auditor; and
- (3) The auditor shall monitor the conduct of these process and outcome evaluations and report its findings and recommendations to the legislature or the department of health, or both, whenever or as deemed necessary.

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

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

(Approved April 19, 2000.)