
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION.

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 section 9 of article VII of
3 the Hawaii Constitution.

4 SECTION 2. Although funds were appropriated to the
5 department of health for adult mental health services for the
6 fiscal period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008,
7 a critical funding emergency now exists. The program will
8 expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current
9 fiscal year, and the department will be unable to meet its
10 fiscal obligation to provide services to certain adults with
11 severe mental illness.

12 The adult mental health division serves a continuously
13 increasing number of eligible mental health consumers.
14 Concurrently throughout the year, the adult mental health
15 division has increased its related services in the areas of case
16 management, crisis services, treatment services, rehabilitation
17 services, and housing. This emergency increase is to continue



1 existing services to meet the needs of the expanding eligible
2 population and to continue funding of required services
3 developed during the fiscal year.

4 An emergency appropriation is also needed as the one-time
5 Medicaid Rehab Option retroactive billing opportunity has
6 passed, resulting in a deficit in federal matching funds.
7 Additional emergency funding is also required to address higher
8 operational costs at the Hawaii state hospital as a result of an
9 increased census.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate emergency funds
11 for:

- 12 (1) The ongoing services revenue shortfall of the adult
13 mental health division; and
14 (2) Operational costs at the Hawaii state hospital.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$9,065,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the
18 revenue shortfall for ongoing services provided by the adult
19 mental health division, and operational costs at the Hawaii
20 state hospital.

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



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



Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation for the Adult Mental Health Division

Description:

To authorize an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$9,065,000 from general funds to the Department of Health (DOH), for the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD).
(HB3146 HD2)

