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# 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 Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

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 ongoing services of the adult mental health division to  
12 address revenue shortfall and operational costs at the Hawaii  
13 state hospital, and to increase the expenditure ceiling of the  
14 mental health and substance abuse special fund established under  
15 section 334-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by \$1,200,000.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$10,250,443, or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 for  
19 ongoing services provided by the adult mental health division of  
20 the department of health and to address a revenue shortfall and  
21 operational costs at the Hawaii state hospital.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the mental health  
2 and substance abuse special fund under section 334-15, Hawaii  
3 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$1,200,000 or so much thereof as  
4 may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for ongoing services  
5 provided by the adult mental health division.

6 SECTION 5. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
7 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Emergency Appropriation; Adult Mental Health Division

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$10,250,443 from general funds to the department of health, for the adult mental health division. Increases the expenditure ceiling of the mental health and substance abuse special fund established under section 334-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by \$1,200,000. (SD1)

