
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 sum 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 for the Adult Mental Health Division

Description:

To authorize an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$10,250,443 from the general funds to the Department of Health for the Adult Mental Health Division and to fund \$1,200,000 for the mental health and substance abuse special fund. (SB3068 SD1)

