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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the forensic mental
2 health system provides essential and critically important
3 services to the judiciary, public mental health system, and
4 community.

5 As outlined in chapter 704, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
6 forensic mental health evaluators perform evaluations on
7 defendants charged with criminal conduct to determine competency
8 to stand trial, criminal responsibility, and post-acquittal
9 conditional release evaluations. The evaluations are conducted
10 in the state hospitals, in jails and prisons, and in the
11 community, and are utilized by the courts in the administration
12 and disposition of mentally ill individuals in the public health
13 and safety community.

14 Education and training of forensic mental health evaluators
15 are necessary to provide leadership and ensure the quality and
16 professionalism of these services. The in-demand skillsets that
17 are necessary to meet the needs of society will necessitate the



1 ongoing availability of educated and trained licensed forensic
2 mental health professionals in psychology and psychiatry.

3 The legislature finds it essential to establish a
4 credentialed post doctoral training program for psychology and
5 forensic psychiatry to be based and administered in the
6 department of health, with service components in various mental
7 health and public safety agencies and educational institutions
8 in the community. The fellowship will meet certain requirements
9 for licensure in psychology and the requirements for board
10 certification by the American Board of Forensic Psychology and
11 the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
14 and to read as follows:

15 "§321- Post doctoral fellowship; forensic psychiatry and
16 psychology. The department of health shall establish a
17 credentialed post doctoral training program for psychology and
18 forensic psychiatry with service components in various mental
19 health and public safety agencies and educational institutions
20 in the community. The fellowship shall be developed to satisfy
21 the following requirements:



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- 1 (1) Section 465-7(a)(2) for licensure as a psychologist;
- 2 (2) Board certification from the American Board of
- 3 Forensic Psychology; and
- 4 (3) Board certification from the American Board of
- 5 Psychiatry and Neurology certification in forensic
- 6 psychiatry."

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
10 development and funding of the post doctoral fellowship in
11 psychology and forensic psychiatry, including funding for
12 program development, instruction, and educational stipends for
13 the fellows.

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

16 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Post Doctoral Fellowship; Psychology and Forensic Psychiatry;
Department of Health; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and funds a post doctoral program in psychology and forensic psychiatry to be administered by the department of health. Makes an appropriation.

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