
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii state
2 hospital in Kaneohe has been the long-term care facility
3 providing treatment for the State's forensic and non-forensic
4 mentally ill patients across the spectrum of acuteness. The
5 legislature also finds that the Hawaii state hospital has
6 reached capacity due to an overload of forensic patients, who
7 are individuals mandated by a criminal court to receive
8 treatment for mental illness. The Hawaii state hospital
9 currently has no capacity for non-forensic patients. Thus,
10 there is no option for non-forensic patients who need long-term
11 mental health treatment, many of whom suffer from a very high
12 degree of mental illness and are in critical need of long-term
13 professional care.

14 The purpose of this Act is to establish a long-term care
15 facility that admits and treats non-forensic mental health
16 patients for in-patient or out-patient temporary case management
17 and to require that homeless patients receive priority admission



1 for treatment. As used in this Act, "non-forensic mental health
2 patients" shall not include individuals receiving treatment for
3 mental illness when that treatment is mandated by a criminal
4 court.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
9 2020-2021 for the establishment of a long-term care facility
10 that admits and treats non-forensic mental health patients for
11 in-patient or out-patient temporary case management; provided
12 that homeless patients receive priority admission for treatment.

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

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.
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INTRODUCED BY:

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H.B. NO. 1597

Report Title:

DOH; Long Term Care Facilities; Non-Forensic Mental Health Patients; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the establishment of a long-term care facility that admits and treats non-forensic mental health patients for in-patient or out-patient temporary case management and requires that homeless patients receive priority admission for treatment.

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