
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of health a working group to evaluate current behavioral health
3 care and related systems and identify steps that may be taken to
4 promote effective integration to more effectively respond to and
5 coordinate care for persons experiencing substance abuse, mental
6 health conditions, and homelessness.
- 7 (b) The working group shall consist of the following
8 members:
- 9 (1) The director of health, or the director's designee,
10 who shall serve as chair;
- 11 (2) One representative from the behavioral health services
12 administration of the department of health;
- 13 (3) One representative of the department of public safety;
- 14 (4) One representative from the med-QUEST division of the
15 department of human services;
- 16 (5) One representative of the judiciary;



- 1 (6) One representative from the insurance division of the
2 department of commerce and consumer affairs;
- 3 (7) One or more representatives of the Hawaii Opioid
4 Initiative executive steering committee;
- 5 (8) One representative from each entity operating a health
6 plan in the State, who the director of health shall
7 invite to participate on the working group;
- 8 (9) One or more members of the Hawaii Substance Abuse
9 Coalition, who the director of health shall invite to
10 participate on the working group;
- 11 (10) One representative of the Hawaii interagency council
12 on homelessness;
- 13 (11) One clinical social worker licensed under chapter
14 467E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- 15 (12) Others as recommended by the working group.
- 16 (c) The working group shall evaluate:
 - 17 (1) Inventory of funding streams and their metrics;
 - 18 (2) Currently existing barriers to treatment access;
 - 19 (3) Policies and practices that perpetuate or
20 substantially contribute to access barriers;



- 1 (4) Practices that would improve care coordination and
2 increase access to care;
- 3 (5) Policies or legislative actions that are recommended
4 to effectuate coordinated entry and coordinated
5 systems of behavioral health care; and
- 6 (6) Defined roles and responsibilities recommended of
7 state, county, and community entities.
- 8 (d) Members of the working group shall serve without
9 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
10 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
11 expenses. No member of the working group shall be subject to
12 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the
13 member's participation in the working group.
- 14 (e) The working group shall be exempt from section 92-7,
15 Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 16 (f) The working group shall submit a report of its
17 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
18 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of 2020.
- 20 (g) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2021.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2020-2021 for the purposes of this Act.

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

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DOH; Working Group; Behavioral Health Care; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a working group within DOH to evaluate current behavioral health care and related systems and identify steps to promote effective integration to respond to and coordinate care for persons experiencing substance abuse, mental health conditions, and homelessness. Appropriates funds. (SB1494 HD1)

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