
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 353C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§353C- Mental health first aid training. (a) The
5 judiciary shall establish a mental health first aid training
6 program for personnel in the district and family courts whose
7 duties include proceedings for restraining or protective orders.
8 The program shall include a mandatory eight-hour interactive
9 training course triennially that teaches the skills necessary to
10 assist a person who is developing or has developed a mental
11 health disorder or mental health crisis, and to de-escalate
12 crisis situations as needed.

13 (b) The mandatory interactive training shall instruct
14 personnel to, at a minimum:

15 (1) Identify signs of mental health crises, illness, and
16 instability;



- 1 (2) Identify signs of behavioral and psychological
- 2 patterns of mental health disorders;
- 3 (3) Provide initial assistance to persons with mental
- 4 health disorders or mental health crises;
- 5 (4) Guide individuals requiring assistance toward
- 6 appropriate professional help;
- 7 (5) Provide comfort to persons experiencing mental health
- 8 disorders or mental health crises;
- 9 (6) Assist in preventing a mental health disorder from
- 10 deteriorating into a more serious condition that may
- 11 lead to more costly interventions and treatments;
- 12 (7) Provide information on and referral to outreach
- 13 workers who are trained to assist persons with mental
- 14 health disorders and mental health crises; and
- 15 (8) Promote healing, recovery, and good mental health."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Mental Health First Aid Training; Judiciary

Description:

Requires the judiciary to establish a mental health first aid training program that provides mandatory eight-hour sessions triennially for personnel in the district and family courts whose duties include proceedings for restraining or protective orders. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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