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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state is unable  
2 to provide room for individuals involuntarily committed pursuant  
3 to Hawaii Revised Statutes 343-60.2, 343-60.3, and 343-161.  
4 According to the Treatment Advocacy Center a minimum of fifty  
5 beds per 100,000 people is considered necessary to provide  
6 minimally adequate treatment for individuals with severe mental  
7 illness. Hawaii fails to meet this minimum standard.

8           The legislature further finds that as a result of the  
9 shortage of space many mentally ill individuals are left to  
10 struggle to survive in our communities. Many are homeless and  
11 unable to control their behavior. These circumstances cause  
12 undue stress and strain on police departments, officers, and  
13 emergency medical providers.

14           The purpose of this Act is to expand forensic health  
15 facilities at the Hawaii State Hospital and bring the state  
16 closer to meeting the minimally adequate standard.



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1 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
2 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
4 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2020-2021  
5 for the purpose of financing capital improvement projects for  
6 the planning, design, construction, and equipping of new or the  
7 expansion of existing licensed psychiatric facilities.

8 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated for the project set forth  
9 in this Act shall be expended by the department of health for  
10 the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. The appropriation made for the capital  
12 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at  
13 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is  
14 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation  
15 unencumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall lapse as of that date.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Forensic services; psychiatric facilities; mental health;

**Description:**

Provides funding for expansion of the Hawaii State Hospital and construction of new residential psychiatric facilities to add capacity and bring the state closer to minimally adequate standards.

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