
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that studies indicate
3 that a relatively small percentage of patients consume a
4 disproportionate amount of health care resources. According to
5 the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
6 approximately seventy-one per cent of total health care spending
7 in the United States is directed toward the approximately
8 twenty-five per cent of Americans with multiple chronic
9 conditions.

10 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
11 treatment of people with multiple chronic conditions, including
12 mental health disorders, substance use disorders, and
13 homelessness.

14 PART II

15 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that effective treatment
16 of patients with multiple chronic conditions requires heightened
17 coordination of complex medical and psychosocial care,



1 development of accompanying quality metrics, increased
2 involvement of the public health system, strengthened public-
3 private partnerships, and an increase in qualified staff.

4 Therefore, the purpose of this part is to require the
5 department of health to establish a comprehensive and
6 coordinated continuum of treatment services for sufferers of
7 substance use disorders who have other chronic conditions.

8 SECTION 3. (a) There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
11 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
12 2020-2021 for the treatment of patients with multiple chronic
13 conditions, including substance use disorders, and the creation
14 of a modern, comprehensive, and coordinated continuum of
15 treatment services that includes defined goals and benefits;
16 provided that no funds appropriated pursuant to this section
17 shall be made available unless one or more private for-profit or
18 nonprofit entities, separately or in conjunction, provides
19 matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis to the amount
20 appropriated by the State.



1 (b) Subject to the availability of funds, the director of
2 health may designate additional political subdivisions, or
3 request additional private entities, to participate in the
4 program established pursuant to this Act; provided that the
5 matching funds requirement established in subsection (a) shall
6 also apply to the additional designated political subdivisions
7 and participating private entities.

8 (c) The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
9 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

10 PART III

11 SECTION 4. The legislature finds that a centralized
12 referral and treatment process is a key component of substance
13 use treatment. The referral and treatment process includes
14 helping a patient access specialized treatment, select
15 facilities, and navigate barriers such as cost and
16 transportation, and following up with a patient as needed.

17 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds for the
18 department of health to establish a pilot project for a
19 comprehensive and coordinated centralized referral system in the
20 State, beginning in the city and county of Honolulu, then
21 expanding to address the needs of other counties.



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1 SECTION 5. (a) 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 department of health to establish a pilot
6 project for a permanent centralized referral center in the city
7 and county of Honolulu, then expand and develop the program to
8 address the needs of other counties; provided that no funds
9 appropriated pursuant to this section shall be made available
10 unless one or more private for-profit or nonprofit entities,
11 separately or in conjunction, provides matching funds on a
12 dollar-for-dollar basis to the amount appropriated by the State.

13 (b) Subject to the availability of funds, the director of
14 health may designate additional political subdivisions, and
15 request additional private entities, to participate in the
16 program established pursuant to this Act; provided that the
17 matching funds requirement established in subsection (a) shall
18 also apply to the additional designated political subdivisions
19 and participating private entities.

20 (c) The sums appropriated shall be expended by the
21 department of health for the purposes of this Act.



1 PART IV

2 SECTION 6. The legislature finds that people with mental
3 health disorders or substance use disorders can be particularly
4 vulnerable to becoming homeless or precariously housed. Among
5 the nation's chronically homeless, approximately two-thirds have
6 a substance use disorder or other chronic condition.

7 Properly trained case managers with expertise in addressing
8 substance use disorders and other chronic conditions can more
9 effectively address the multifaceted needs of chronically
10 homeless clients who have difficulty accessing housing. The
11 case management programs recently created pursuant to Act 93,
12 Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, lack vital funding and resources.

13 Therefore, the purpose of this part is to provide funding
14 for case management programs to help those with substance use
15 disorders.

16 SECTION 7. (a) There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2020-2021 for the funding of case management programs to help
21 those with substance use disorders throughout the State;



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1 provided that no funds appropriated pursuant to this section
2 shall be made available unless one or more private for-profit or
3 nonprofit entities, separately or in conjunction, provides
4 matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis to the amount
5 appropriated by the State.

6 (b) Subject to the availability of funds, the director of
7 health may designate additional political subdivisions, and
8 request additional private entities, to participate in the
9 program established pursuant to this Act; provided that the
10 matching funds requirement established in subsection (a) shall
11 also apply to the additional designated political subdivisions
12 and participating private entities.

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

15 PART V

16 SECTION 8. The legislature finds that peer mentors and
17 coaches assist their peers with setting recovery goals, finding
18 sober housing, making new friends, and improving job skills.
19 Peer mentors and coaches provide valuable experience to the
20 peers they serve, as they have experienced similar recovery
21 paths.



1 The legislature further finds that peer mentoring and
2 coaching reduces health care costs, facilitates recovery, and
3 promotes a sense of community. Peer mentors and coaches model
4 recovery behaviors and connect their peers with valuable
5 services and resources. Many peer mentors and coaches serve as
6 volunteers and thus tend to have shorter tenures than paid
7 staff. Stipends and other compensation are sometimes provided
8 to peer mentors and coaches in order to facilitate a consistent
9 and sustained relationship.

10 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to service
11 providers to hire supervisors to supervise and train volunteer
12 peer mentors and coaches, and to develop incentive and stipend
13 programs for volunteer peer mentors and coaches.

14 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
18 2020-2021 for the funding of service providers to hire
19 supervisors to supervise and train volunteer peer mentors and
20 coaches to help those with substance use disorders, and to
21 develop incentive or stipend programs for volunteer peer mentors



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1 and coaches; provided that no funds appropriated pursuant to
 2 this section shall be made available unless one or more private
 3 for-profit or nonprofit entities, separately or in conjunction,
 4 provides matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis to the
 5 amount appropriated by the State.

6 (b) Subject to the availability of funds, the director of
 7 health may designate additional political subdivisions, or
 8 request additional private entities, to participate in the
 9 program established pursuant to this Act; provided that the
 10 matching funds requirement established in subsection (a) shall
 11 also apply to the additional designated political subdivisions
 12 and participating private entities.

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

15 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

DOH; Substance Use; Chronic Conditions; Homelessness; Peer Mentors; Case Managers; Referral; Matching Funds; Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to help persons suffering from multiple chronic conditions, including for programs and other efforts that provide coordinated treatment, centralized referral, case managers, and peer mentors. Requires matching funds from private entities.

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