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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRANSITIONS CLINIC NETWORK PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the high  
2 incarceration rates cost state government and taxpayers millions  
3 of dollars year after year. In fiscal year 2019, Hawaii had an  
4 average combined monthly jail and prison population of 5,217  
5 inmates in both state and private mainland facilities.  
6 Additionally, a large amount of the State's incarcerated  
7 population need health care services during and after  
8 incarceration, including mental health services.

9           The legislature further finds that a transitions clinic  
10 network program provides a patient-centered primary care  
11 facility for chronically-ill returning prisoners. The program,  
12 designed in partnership with formerly incarcerated individuals,  
13 is based within safety-net community health centers in  
14 neighborhoods most impacted by incarceration. Each clinic  
15 provides linkages with correctional partners to provide  
16 continuity of care, easy access to comprehensive primary care,  
17 culturally competent patient-centered medical services, and



1 close partnerships with local reentry organizations to address  
2 social determinants of health. The program also addresses the  
3 complex barriers that patients and health systems face when  
4 trying to improve the health and health care of chronically-ill  
5 individuals who return from incarceration.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
7 department of human services to procure the services of a master  
8 contractor to manage subcontracts and expenditures for a  
9 transitions clinic network pilot program.

10 SECTION 2. (a) There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much  
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the  
13 department of human services to procure the services of a master  
14 contractor to manage subcontracts and expenditures for a  
15 transitions clinic network pilot program.

16 (b) The following provisions shall apply to the  
17 appropriation under subsection (a):

18 (1) The department of human services shall:

19 (A) Procure the services of a master contractor to  
20 procure and oversee subcontracts for a  
21 transitions clinic network pilot program, in



- 1                   accordance with chapter 103D or 103F, Hawaii
- 2                   Revised Statutes;
- 3           (B)   Oversee the funds expended by the master
- 4                   contractor; and
- 5           (C)   Develop policies and procedures for a fair and
- 6                   equitable procurement process for subcontractors
- 7                   made between the master contractor and
- 8                   subcontracted provider agencies that are
- 9                   consistent with the goals of public
- 10                  accountability and public procurement practices;
- 11   (2)   The master contractor shall:
- 12           (A)   Operate a transitions clinic network pilot
- 13                   program; provided that the program shall:
- 14                   (i)   Be an evidence-based model of care;
- 15                   (ii)   Cater to individuals released from prison
- 16                          with chronic health conditions;
- 17                   (iii)   Provide continuity of care after release;
- 18                   (iv)   Provide easy access to comprehensive primary
- 19                          care;
- 20                   (v)   Provide participants with patient-centered
- 21                          primary health care facilities;



- 1           (vi) Create partnerships with local reentry
- 2                   organizations;
- 3           (vii) Allow community health workers to connect
- 4                   participants to health and social services;
- 5           (viii) Allow community health workers to assist
- 6                   participants with navigating through post-
- 7                   release life; and
- 8           (ix) Create system enhancements for patient-
- 9                   centered services, including but not limited
- 10                  to early access to primary care, behavioral
- 11                  health integration, and medication-assisted
- 12                  treatment for substance use disorders;
- 13        (B) At a minimum, provide quarterly reports to the
- 14                  house of representatives and senate committees on
- 15                  housing and human services;
- 16        (C) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for
- 17                  providing performance information to respective
- 18                  state agencies;
- 19        (D) Use the funds for the implementation and
- 20                  operation of the transitions clinic network pilot
- 21                  program, including program implementation in one



1 primary care health clinic, training and salaries  
2 and benefits of two community health workers, and  
3 staff computers and other supplies; and

4 (E) Be accountable for funds expended;

5 (3) The master contractor may retain administrative fees  
6 up to fifteen per cent in total from the amounts paid  
7 under the master contract between the master  
8 contractor and subcontractors; and

9 (4) The total sum of funding shall be provided at the  
10 start of the transitions clinic network pilot program  
11 to be managed by the master contractor.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
13 human services for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.



**Report Title:**

Transitions Clinic Network Pilot Program; Department of Human Services; Master Contractor; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires and appropriates funds for the department of human services to procure the services of a master contractor to manage subcontracts and expenditures for a transitions clinic network pilot program. Effective 1/1/2021. (SD1)

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