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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SPECIAL FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that subacute residential
2 stabilization services, otherwise known as crisis stabilization
3 beds, will bridge the gap for individuals in crisis for whom
4 acute inpatient hospitalization is unnecessary, and lower level
5 residential and community treatment modalities are insufficient.
6 Additionally, transitional placement in environments where
7 individuals with severe and persistent mental illness are able
8 to live semi-independently but can return quickly to higher
9 levels of care when they start to decompensate are needed.
10 These two service components are vital parts of a comprehensive
11 continuum of care for behavioral health, but are currently
12 under-resourced.

13 The legislature further finds that individuals who will
14 benefit from crisis stabilization beds enter and reenter the
15 health care system through emergency departments, often under a
16 designation for emergency examination pursuant to
17 section 334-59, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or more commonly known



1 as "MH-1". Upon discharge but before long-term rehabilitation
2 and treatment may continue, some patients will require several
3 days or weeks to deescalate from their crisis in a controlled
4 environment. Similarly, if they are reintegrated to the
5 community prematurely, the cycle of relapse and decompensation
6 often continues. However, Hawaii's treatment resources do not
7 currently include crisis stabilization beds or supported
8 transition units.

9 The legislature also finds that the department of health
10 proposes to invest in existing state facilities that have
11 underutilized bed space to create an inventory of crisis
12 stabilization beds and supported transition units. Additionally,
13 due to focused efforts over the last several years to maximize
14 billing and reimbursement, the mental health and substance abuse
15 special fund can sustain both expanded program operations and
16 new capital improvements related to crisis stabilization beds.

17 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the mental health
18 and substance abuse special fund to be used for capital
19 improvements.

20 SECTION 2. Section 334-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) There is established a special fund to be known as
2 the mental health and substance abuse special fund into which
3 shall be deposited all revenues and other moneys collected from
4 certification programs and treatment services rendered by the
5 mental health and substance abuse programs operated by the
6 State. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
7 department is authorized to establish separate accounts within
8 the special fund for depositing moneys received from
9 certification programs and from each mental health and substance
10 abuse program. Moneys deposited into the respective accounts of
11 each program shall be used for the payment of the operating
12 expenses or capital improvements of the respective program. For
13 the purposes of this section, "capital improvements" means the
14 acquisition of real property, improvements to expand capacity
15 and serviceability of existing public facilities, and
16 development of new public facilities."

17 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

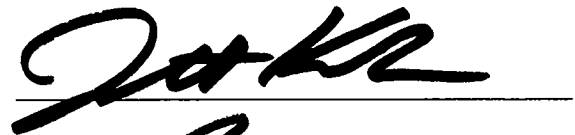
18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020;
19 provided that on June 30, 2025, this Act shall be repealed and
20 section 334-15(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted



1 in the form in which it read on the day prior to the effective
2 date of this Act.

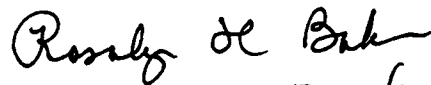
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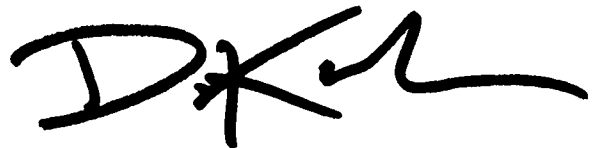














S.B. NO. 2506

Report Title:

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund; Capital Improvements

Description:

Authorizes the mental health and substance abuse special fund to be used for certain capital improvements. Repeals on June 30, 2025.

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