



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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In reply, please refer to:

December 21, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-first State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker  
and Members of the House of  
Representatives  
Thirty-first State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the "Establishing within the DOH a Working Group to Evaluate Current Behavioral Health Care and Related Systems and Identify Gaps in Services, Coordinate Funding Sources, and Establish and Identify Outcome Measures for Persons Experiencing Behavioral Health or Substance Abuse Conditional, and Resultant Consequences, including Homelessness;" pursuant to HB541, HD1, SD2, CD1.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at:

<https://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/department-of-health-reports-to-2022-legislature/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Char".

Elizabeth A. Char, M.D.  
Director of Health

Enclosures

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**REPORT TO THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**STATE OF HAWAII**

**2022**

**REPORT TO THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE STATE OF HAWAII, PURSUANT TO HB541, HD1, SD 2, CD1, ESTABLISHING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE CURRENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE AND RELATED SYSTEMS AND IDENTIFY GAPS IN SERVICES, COORDINATE FUNDING SOURCES, AND ESTABLISH AND IDENTIFY OUTCOME MEASURES FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE CONDITIONS, AND RESULTANT CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING HOMELESSNESS; AND TRANSMIT A REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE NO LESS THAN FORTY DAYS BEFORE THE CONVENING OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF 2022.**

**PREPARED BY:**

**STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**DECEMBER 2021**

The Department of Health (DOH) regrets that the deliverables requested have not been fulfilled. Due to recent changes in leadership at the Department of Health, specifically the Behavioral Health Administration, as well as the ongoing COVID-10 pandemic response, and other public health priorities, the department was unable to convene this working group.

DOH will continue to study this issue internally in keeping with the spirit of this request and the department's charge of promoting, protecting, preserving, caring for, and improving the mental health of the people of Hawaii.