
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADULT MENTAL HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that significant budget
2 cuts were necessitated by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic
3 and that the department of health's adult mental health division
4 saw an eleven per cent reduction in the number of its staff.
5 The loss of ninety-nine permanent positions and sixty-three
6 temporary positions has limited the division's ability to meet
7 its mission of providing integrated mental health services for
8 individuals having serious mental illness who are uninsured or
9 underinsured, subject to court-ordered evaluation, in the care
10 and custody of the department of health, or in crisis. The
11 eliminated staff included social workers, mental health
12 specialists, nursing staff, psychiatrists, clinical
13 psychologists, security staff, other inpatient mental health
14 staff, other outpatient staff, and other workers at the Hawaii
15 state hospital.



The legislature further finds that the State's economic outlook has improved and concludes that it is time to sufficiently fund the work of the adult mental health division.

The purpose of this Act is to restore ninety-nine positions to the department of health adult mental health division and appropriate funds to fill those positions.

SECTION 2. Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, is amended by amending section 3, item numbers E-13 and E-14 to read as follows:

"13. HTH420 - ADULT MENTAL HEALTH - OUTPATIENT

177.50*	[177.50*]
	<u>210.00*</u>
87.50#	87.50#
58,152,953A	[58,152,953A]
	<u>63,690,394A</u>
11,610,000B	11,610,000B
1.00#	1.00#
2,333,370N	2,333,370N

14. HTH430 - ADULT MENTAL HEALTH - INPATIENT

737.00*	[737.00*]
	<u>803.5*</u>
23.00#	23.00#
87,811,711A	[87,811,711A]
	<u>92,238,607A</u>
6,180,433V	V
4,700,000C	300,000C"

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

DOH; Adult Mental Health; Positions; Restore; Appropriation

Description:

Restores Department of Health Adult Mental Health Division funding and permanent positions cut during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic. Appropriates moneys. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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