
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need for
2 a long-term care facility to provide comprehensive treatment for
3 individuals with behavioral health needs as well as those with
4 developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and
5 cognitive needs whose behaviors make it difficult for acceptance
6 at most long-term care facilities. There are approximately
7 forty patients at the Hawai'i state hospital that do not need
8 inpatient level of care but cannot be discharged to another
9 location due to their behavioral needs, current or historical,
10 as well as current long-term care needs. This number has been
11 growing as new individuals are admitted but are not able to be
12 discharged. There is a similar number of individuals housed at
13 the Hawai'i state hospital beyond the need for inpatient
14 hospitalization yet they are not able to be placed in a non-
15 secure facility.

16 In order to increase the number of beds available to non-
17 forensic civil commitment patients in our community -- those



1 individuals in psychiatric crisis who are not accused of
2 committing, or been found to have committed, a crime --
3 additional facilities need to be constructed. The legislature
4 further finds that renovations at the Hawai'i state hospital
5 provide an opportunity to repurpose the hospital's Guensberg
6 building. The Guensberg building is suitable to hold a locked
7 facility for individuals with co-occurring substance use
8 disorder and mental illness. The building could also serve to
9 treat individuals who need intermediate level care that requires
10 a longer stay than the typical five to seven days in a hospital
11 but do not need long term care at the state hospital. By
12 renovating the Guensberg building for these two important
13 purposes, the State can help to ensure that inpatient
14 psychiatric beds are available for those in need without having
15 to go through the criminal justice system.

16 The legislature also finds that the department of health
17 has been exploring options to develop a long-term care facility
18 at the Guensberg building. Estimates of costs involved to
19 renovate the building for this purpose are at least \$50,000,000
20 plus \$2,000,000 for design and \$1,500,000 for equipment.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
2 issuance of general obligation bonds funds for the department of
3 health to develop a long-term care facility at the Guensberg
4 building.

5 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
6 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$53,500,000 or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
8 purpose of a capital improvement project to develop a long-term
9 care facility at the Guensberg building on the Hawaii state
10 hospital campus, as follows:

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| 11 Design | \$ 2,000,000 |
| 12 Equipment | 1,500,000 |
| 13 Construction | <u>50,000,000</u> |
| 14 Total funding | \$ 53,500,000 |

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
16 health for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
18 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
19 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
20 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation

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1 unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.



Report Title:

Long Term Care Facility; Hawaii State Hospital; Capital
Improvement Project

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to develop a
long-term care facility at the Guensberg building on the Hawaii
state hospital campus. (SD1)

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