
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a prevent suicide
2 Hawai'i working group within the office of wellness and
3 resilience for administrative purposes only. The prevent
4 suicide Hawai'i working group shall examine, evaluate, and
5 determine methods to improve education, awareness, support
6 services, and outreach to best prevent suicides in the State,
7 particularly among Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, farmers,
8 youth, LGBTQIA+, veterans, and other populations identified by
9 the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a
10 high-risk population for suicide. The prevent suicide Hawaii
11 working group shall also implement the recommendations in the
12 interim report issued by the prevent suicide Hawaii task force
13 pursuant to H.C.R. No. 66, S.D. 1 (2016).

14 (b) The prevent suicide Hawai'i working group shall consist
15 of at least the following members:



- 1 (1) Executive director of the office of wellness and
2 resilience, who shall serve as the chair of the
3 working group;
- 4 (2) One member to be appointed by the Substance Abuse and
5 Mental Health Services Administration of the United
6 States Department of Health and Human Services;
- 7 (3) One representative from the department of health's
8 behavioral health services administration, to be
9 appointed by the director of health;
- 10 (4) The suicide prevention coordinator from the department
11 of health's emergency medical services and injury
12 prevention system branch;
- 13 (5) One member from the department of education, to be
14 appointed by the superintendent of education;
- 15 (6) One member from the department of human services, to
16 be appointed by the director of human services;
- 17 (7) One member from the department of public safety, or
18 its successor agency, to be appointed by the director
19 of public safety or the director of the successor
20 agency;



- 1 (8) One member to be appointed by the dean of the
2 university of Hawai'i John A. Burns school of medicine,
3 from its department of psychiatry;
- 4 (9) One member from the judiciary, to be appointed by the
5 chief justice of the supreme court of the State of
6 Hawai'i;
- 7 (10) One at-large member from each county, to be appointed
8 by the governor;
- 9 (11) One member to be appointed by the president of the
10 senate;
- 11 (12) One member to be appointed by the speaker of the house
12 of representatives;
- 13 (13) Two members from a youth leadership suicide prevention
14 organization, to be appointed by the president of the
15 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives
16 respectively; and
- 17 (14) One member from a Native Hawaiian health and well-
18 being organization, to be appointed by the governor.
- 19 (c) In addition to the members listed in subsection (b),
20 the chair of the prevent suicide Hawai'i working group shall
21 invite the following individuals to participate:



1 (1) The suicide prevention program manager for the United
2 States Army Reserve in Hawai'i;

3 (2) One member from each branch of the United States Armed
4 Forces;

5 (3) Two members from suicide prevention organizations; and

6 (4) One member from a mental health advocacy organization.

7 (d) The prevent suicide Hawai'i working group shall report
8 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
9 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
10 to the convening of the regular session of 2025.

11 (e) Members of the prevent suicide Hawai'i working group
12 shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
13 reasonable expenses necessary for the performance of their
14 duties, including travel expenses.

15 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 2050.



Report Title:

Prevent Suicide Hawaii Working Group; Native Hawaiians; Pacific Islanders; Farmers; Youth; LGBTQIA+; Veterans; Report

Description:

Establishes a Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Working Group within the Office of Wellness and Resilience. Requires the working group to focus on preventing suicides in the State, particularly among Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, farmers, youth, LGBTQIA+, veterans, and other populations identified by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a high-risk population for suicide; implement recommendations in the Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Task Force's interim report; and report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025. Effective 6/30/2050. (SD2)

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