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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The department of health shall conduct a  
2 study to determine the feasibility of implementing a pilot  
3 program to integrate innovative, evidence-based prescription  
4 digital therapeutics approved by the federal Food and Drug  
5 Administration in outpatient treatment programs for persons with  
6 substance use disorder or opioid use disorder within the State.  
7 The study shall consider:

8           (1) Any potential short-term and long-term financial  
9 effects on the State for the pilot program, which  
10 shall include:

11           (A) The demographics and needs of persons with  
12 substance use disorder or opioid use disorder  
13 within the State;

14           (B) The costs and benefits of integrating different  
15 approved prescription digital therapeutic  
16 products into treatment programs in the State,



- 1 including any security and privacy  
2 considerations; and
- 3 (C) How various governmental entities can best help  
4 provide medical assistance coverage of the  
5 approved prescription digital therapeutic  
6 products for the treatment of substance use  
7 disorders and opioid use disorders, including any  
8 immediate and ongoing availability of federal  
9 funds;
- 10 (2) Any oversight and regulatory requirements necessary to  
11 implement the pilot program, including any potential  
12 hurdles and strategies to address the potential  
13 hurdles;
- 14 (3) Any effect of the pilot program on relevant existing  
15 health care providers and health care organizations,  
16 programs, and agencies;
- 17 (4) Any other beneficial alternative options;
- 18 (5) Which agency or agencies are best equipped to  
19 administer the pilot program, including how the pilot  
20 program should be structured;



- 1       (6) Which facility or facilities in the State are best  
2           suited to implement the pilot program;
- 3       (7) Which approved prescription digital therapeutic  
4           products best fit the needs of persons with substance  
5           use disorder or opioid use disorder in the State;
- 6       (8) How to evaluate the outcomes of the pilot program,  
7           including preferred frameworks to gauge the impact of  
8           the approved prescription digital therapeutic  
9           products, especially when used in conjunction with  
10          other treatments and therapies; and
- 11      (9) Other considerations necessary to help health care  
12          decision-makers accurately anticipate the impact of  
13          approved prescription digital therapeutic products on  
14          the overall delivery of health care in the State.

15      (b) The department of health shall submit a report of its  
16      findings and recommendations from the study, including any  
17      proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty  
18      days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

19      SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on December 31,  
20      2050.



**Report Title:**

Department of Health; Feasibility Study; Pilot Program;  
Prescription Digital Therapeutics; Outpatient Treatment;  
Substance Use Disorder; Opioid Use Disorder

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Health to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a pilot program to integrate prescription digital therapeutic products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration in outpatient treatment programs for persons with substance use disorder and persons with opioid use disorder in the State. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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