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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO  
IMPLEMENT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL.

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for  
2 immediate passage in accordance with article VII, section 9, of  
3 the Hawaii State Constitution.

4           SECTION 2. The legislature finds that the Hawaii state  
5 hospital is the only publicly funded state psychiatric hospital  
6 in the state. The hospital is organized within the department  
7 of health adult mental health division, and provides adult  
8 inpatient psychiatric services. It is accredited by The Joint  
9 Commission, most recently in December 2021 for thirty-six  
10 months, and is licensed as a health care facility by the  
11 department of health's office of health care assurance.

12           The department contracted with a consultant in 2023 to  
13 evaluate hospital operations in response to increasing demand  
14 for secure psychiatric services. The consultant's report was  
15 accepted in early 2024 and makes recommendations for effectively  
16 accommodating the rising influx of patients while ensuring the



1 delivery of quality care, establishing a safer environment, and  
2 supporting fiscal responsibility. In addition to the  
3 reorganization and addition of staff, the Hawaii state hospital  
4 requires both building and equipment upgrades as part of its  
5 quality improvement plan as follows:

- 6 (1) 4.0 full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) positions for an  
7 associate administrator unit;
- 8 (2) 4.0 full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) positions for a  
9 dedicated facilities unit;
- 10 (3) 27.0 full-time equivalent (27.0 FTE) positions for an  
11 operations unit;
- 12 (4) 8.0 full-time equivalent (8.0 FTE) positions for  
13 clinical programs units;
- 14 (5) \$4,500,000 for salary for newly created full-time  
15 equivalent positions;
- 16 (6) \$325,000 for equipment for dietary services and plant  
17 operations;
- 18 (7) \$650,000 for telecommunications and networking  
19 upgrades; and
- 20 (8) \$500,000 for miscellaneous improvements to campus  
21 facilities.



1           The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency  
2 appropriation to provide funds to the department of health to  
3 implement quality improvement recommendations for the Hawaii  
4 state hospital.

5           SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
6 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
7 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
8 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
9 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure  
10 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
11 \$            or           per cent. This current declaration takes  
12 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal  
13 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act  
14 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
15 ceiling are that:

- 16           (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
17            serve the public interest; and  
18           (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
19            addressed by this Act.

20           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,975,000 or so much



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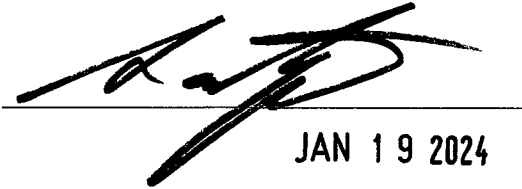
1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the  
2 department of health to implement quality improvement  
3 recommendations for the Hawaii state hospital.

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

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1941

**Report Title:**

DOH; Hawaii State Hospital; Quality Improvement; Expenditure Ceiling; Emergency Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation to provide funds for the Department of Health to implement quality improvement recommendations at the Hawaii State Hospital. Declares that the general fund expenditure is exceeded.

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