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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 submitted in early 2024 and makes recommendations for  
16 effectively accommodating the rising influx of patients while



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

6 (1) full-time equivalent ( FTE) positions;

7 (2) \$ for salary for newly created full-time  
8 equivalent positions;

9 (3) \$ for telecommunications and networking  
10 upgrades;

11 (4) \$ for miscellaneous improvements to campus  
12 facilities;

13 (5) \$ for the construction of a guard shack; and

14 (6) \$ for mental health continuum of care  
15 services and contracted security for the Hawaii state  
16 hospital campus.

17 The purpose of this Act is to make an emergency  
18 appropriation from the mental health and substance abuse special  
19 fund to the department of health to implement quality  
20 improvement recommendations for the Hawaii state hospital.



1 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the mental health  
2 and substance abuse special fund the sum of \$ or so  
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for  
4 the department of health to implement quality improvement  
5 recommendations for the Hawaii state hospital.

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



# H.B. NO. 1941 H.D. 1

**Report Title:**

DOH; Hawaii State Hospital; Quality Improvements; Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund; Emergency Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an emergency appropriation from the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund to the Department of Health to implement quality improvement recommendations at the Hawaii State Hospital. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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