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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has  
2 developed policies related to emergency examination and  
3 hospitalization and assisted community treatment for those in  
4 need of mental health intervention. These policies could lead  
5 to an improved response to those with severe mental health  
6 problems, many of whom live on the streets where they are not  
7 safe and may also compromise the safety of others. However,  
8 while these policies exist, they are not being implemented fully  
9 at this time. These polices can be complex and community  
10 training and education are needed to support successful  
11 implementation. In addition, implementation of these policies  
12 requires an aligned understanding of state laws and related  
13 policies and procedures across several professional disciplines  
14 to support coordinated and effective intervention.

15           The legislature further finds that providing funding to  
16 develop and implement a comprehensive state-wide annual  
17 educational training program regarding these mental health



1 interventions could increase their successful implementation and  
2 provide better health outcomes for individuals experiencing  
3 severe mental health crises. In providing comprehensive  
4 education and training, relevant stakeholders, including  
5 community members, will be better informed about involuntary  
6 examination and hospitalization, as well as assisted community  
7 treatment.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
9 department of health to develop and implement statewide media,  
10 education, and training activities for policies related to  
11 emergency examination and hospitalization and assisted community  
12 treatment for those in need of mental health intervention.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for  
16 the development and implementation of statewide media,  
17 education, and training activities for policies related to  
18 emergency examination and hospitalization and assisted community  
19 treatment for those in need of mental health intervention.

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



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



**Report Title:**

Emergency Examination and Hospitalization; Assisted Community Treatment; Statewide Education and Training; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to develop and implement statewide media, education, and training activities for policies related to emergency examination and hospitalization and assisted community treatment for those in need of mental health intervention. (SD1)

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