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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 \$100,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the
16 development and implementation of statewide media, education,
17 and training activities for policies related to emergency
18 examination and hospitalization and assisted community treatment
19 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.



S.B. NO. 987

Report Title:

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

Description:

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