
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:
4 "§321- Alcohol and drug abuse division; homeless triage
5 and treatment center program; establishment. (a) The
6 department shall establish a homeless triage and treatment
7 center program within the alcohol and drug abuse division that
8 focuses on serving homeless individuals and individuals at risk
9 of homelessness with substance abuse issues or mental illness.
10 (b) The homeless triage and treatment center program
11 shall:
12 (1) Provide access to emergency food, shelter, housing
13 navigation, and supportive services;
14 (2) Collaborate with existing homeless outreach and case
15 management services;
16 (3) Provide medical assessments;



1 (4) Provide substance abuse treatment and detoxification
2 services;

3 (5) Provide behavioral health services; and

4 (6) Provide trauma-informed, cultural-based life skills
5 groups for participants to maximize engagement and
6 retention.

7 (c) The alcohol and drug abuse division shall work in
8 cooperation with local hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, law
9 enforcement agencies, and homeless service providers in
10 establishing the homeless triage and treatment center program.

11 (d) The alcohol and drug abuse division may contract with
12 facilities that provide comprehensive triage services to
13 homeless individuals suffering from substance abuse issues or
14 mental illness to carry out the homeless triage and treatment
15 center program."

16 SECTION 2. Section 334-171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

18 "(a) There shall be established within the department a
19 crisis intervention and diversion services program to redirect
20 persons, including homeless persons, experiencing mental health
21 disorders and co-occurring mental health and substance use



1 disorders who are at risk for involvement, or currently
2 involved, with the criminal justice system to the appropriate
3 health care system and services. The program may include
4 intensive mobile outreach services. The department shall
5 collaborate with law enforcement agencies, courts, mental health
6 providers, and the community for the execution and
7 implementation of these services. Any appropriation for the
8 crisis intervention and diversion services program shall be used
9 only for services contracted directly between the department and
10 the service provider."

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
15 2026-2027 to implement this Act.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of health for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

DOH; Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division; Homeless Triage and Treatment Center Program; Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program; Homelessness; Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Appropriations

Description:

Expands existing crisis intervention programs by requiring, and appropriating funds for, the Department of Health to establish a Homeless Triage and Treatment Center Program within its Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division to serve homeless individuals and individuals at risk of homelessness with substance abuse issues or mental illness. Requires the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program to redirect certain homeless persons to the appropriate health care system and services. Authorizes the program to include intensive mobile outreach services. Requires appropriations for the program to be used only for services contracted directly between the Department of Health and the service provider. (CD1)

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