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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§321- Alcohol and drug abuse division; homeless triage and treatment center program; establishment. (a) The department shall establish a homeless triage and treatment center program within the alcohol and drug abuse division that focuses on serving homeless individuals and individuals at risk of homelessness with substance abuse issues or mental illness.

(b) The homeless triage and treatment center program shall:

(1) Provide access to emergency food, shelter, housing navigation, and supportive services;

(2) Collaborate with existing homeless outreach and case management services;

(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 \$ or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and  
14 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
15 year 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. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**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. Amends the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program to require the program to redirect certain homeless persons to the appropriate health care system and services; authorize the program to include intensive mobile outreach services; and require appropriations for the program to be used only for services contracted directly between the Department of Health and the service provider. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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