
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AN INTENSIVE MOBILE TEAM PILOT PROGRAM FOR HOUSELESS
INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS BRAIN DISORDERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established an intensive mobile
2 team pilot program within the adult mental health division of
3 the department of health to provide intensive mobile team
4 services, also known as street psychiatry, to chronically
5 houseless individuals suffering from serious brain disorders,
6 including but not limited to schizophrenia and schizoaffective
7 disorder.

8 (b) The pilot program shall establish one intensive mobile
9 team in the community mental health center system.

10 (c) The intensive mobile team established for the purposes
11 of the pilot program shall:

12 (1) Establish criteria for pilot program participation,
13 which shall include being houseless and suffering from
14 a serious brain disorder, prioritizing individuals
15 with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder;



- 1 (2) Manage at least forty participants, who shall be
- 2 vetted and enrolled by the intensive mobile team;
- 3 (3) Offer after-hours availability to:
- 4 (A) Respond to crisis;
- 5 (B) Visit emergency rooms; and
- 6 (C) If and when participants are arrested, meet with
- 7 law enforcement and participants at the receiving
- 8 desk or similar place where the participant is
- 9 being held in custody to share information on
- 10 their participation in the pilot program;
- 11 (4) Determine, in collaboration with area hospitals and
- 12 the behavioral health crisis center, appropriate
- 13 hospitalizations and behavioral health crisis center
- 14 admissions;
- 15 (5) Prioritize housing placements for participants;
- 16 (6) Begin participant treatment on psychiatric medications
- 17 when appropriate;
- 18 (7) Actively pursue assisted community treatment orders
- 19 when appropriate;
- 20 (8) Continue services if a participant is admitted to the
- 21 Hawaii state hospital;



- 1 (9) Engage social work interns and advanced practice
- 2 registered nurse students to expand service capacity
- 3 for the target population;
- 4 (10) Bill third-party payors, medicare, or medicaid, as
- 5 appropriate for services; and
- 6 (11) Be staffed as follows:
- 7 (A) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) human services
- 8 professional V, who shall serve as the clinical
- 9 supervisor;
- 10 (B) A 0.5 full-time equivalent (0.5 FTE)
- 11 psychiatrist;
- 12 (C) Five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) human
- 13 services professionals or social workers;
- 14 (D) A 0.5 full-time equivalent (0.5 FTE) registered
- 15 nurse;
- 16 (E) A 0.1 full-time equivalent (0.1 FTE)
- 17 epidemiologist, epidemiology specialist, or
- 18 research statistician; and
- 19 (F) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) program
- 20 specialist.



1 (d) The department of health shall collaborate with law
2 enforcement agencies, courts, hospitals, providers who serve
3 houseless individuals, mental health providers, and community
4 stakeholders for the implementation of the pilot program.

5 (e) The adult mental health division of the department of
6 health shall submit a report on the intensive mobile team pilot
7 program to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
8 the convening of the regular sessions of 2026 and 2027. Each
9 report shall include any proposed legislation and progress
10 updates on the aggregate number of:

- 11 (1) Participant arrests;
- 12 (2) Participants requiring an emergency examination and
13 hospitalization;
- 14 (3) Participants placed into housing;
- 15 (4) Participants started on medications;
- 16 (5) Participants hospitalized at the Hawaii state
17 hospital;
- 18 (6) Participants reconnected with family; and
- 19 (7) Assisted community treatment orders pursued and
20 granted.



1 (f) The intensive mobile team pilot program shall be
2 dissolved on June 30, 2028.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2026-2027 for eight and one-tenth full-time equivalent (8.1
8 FTE) positions, who shall be exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii
9 Revised Statutes, operating costs, and equipment pursuant to
10 this Act.

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

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



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Report Title:

DOH; Intensive Mobile Team Pilot Program; Houseless Individuals; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for a pilot program in the Department of Health to provide intensive mobile treatment-type services to chronically houseless individuals suffering from serious brain disorders like schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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