
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, including "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 shall:

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

15 (2) Manage not more than forty participants who shall be
16 vetted and enrolled by the intensive mobile team;



- 1 (3) Offer after-hour services to existing participants,
2 including:
 - 3 (A) Responding to crisis;
 - 4 (B) Visiting emergency rooms; and
 - 5 (C) If and when they are arrested, meeting with law
6 enforcement and participants at the receiving
7 desk or similar place where the participant is
8 being held in custody to share information on
9 their participation in the pilot program;
- 10 (4) Determine, in collaboration with area hospitals and
11 the behavioral health crisis center, appropriate
12 hospitalizations and behavioral health crisis center
13 admissions;
- 14 (5) Prioritize housing placements for participants;
- 15 (6) Begin participant treatment on psychiatric medications
16 when appropriate;
- 17 (7) Actively pursue assisted community treatment orders
18 when appropriate;
- 19 (8) Continue services if a participant is admitted to the
20 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) One-half 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) One-half full-time equivalent (0.5 FTE)
15 registered nurse;
 - 16 (E) One-tenth 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 numbers 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 much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2026-2027 for the implementation of the intensive mobile team
8 pilot program, including the establishment of eight and one-
9 tenth full-time equivalent (8.1 FTE) positions, that shall be
10 exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, operating
11 costs, and equipment, pursuant to this Act.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
15 2050.



Report Title:

DOH; AMHD; Intensive Mobile Team Pilot Program; Reports;
Positions; Appropriations

Description:

Establishes a three-year Intensive Mobile Team Pilot Program in the Department of Health to provide intensive mobile treatment-type services, including "street psychiatry", to chronically houseless individuals suffering from serious brain disorders, including schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder. Requires the Adult Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to submit reports to the Legislature. Establishes positions. Appropriates funds. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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