
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Temporary task force; duty; composition;**
2 **report; termination.** (a) The department of health shall
3 establish a mental health and firearms task force to examine the
4 issues of mental health and firearms. The task force shall
5 specifically:

6 (1) Research current state laws, both locally and
7 nationally, relating to mental health and firearms;
8 and

9 (2) Based on findings, recommend legislation to address
10 the issue of mental health and firearms.

11 (b) The temporary task force shall consist of:

12 (1) Two members of the house of representatives to be
13 appointed by the speaker of the house of
14 representatives;

15 (2) Two members of the senate to be appointed by the
16 president of the senate;

17 (3) One member representing the department of health;



- 1 (4) One member representing the department of public
- 2 safety;
- 3 (5) One member representing the department of the attorney
- 4 general;
- 5 (6) One member representing the mental health community;
- 6 (7) One member representing the National Alliance on
- 7 Mental Illness;
- 8 (8) One member representing the National Rifle
- 9 Association;
- 10 (9) One member representing the Hawaii Rifle Association;
- 11 (10) One member representing the Hawaii Psychiatric Medical
- 12 Association;
- 13 (11) One member representing the Hawaii Psychological
- 14 Association; and
- 15 (12) One member who owns a gun shop.

16 (c) The task force shall submit a written report of
17 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
18 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of 2015.

20 (d) The task force shall terminate on June 30, 2015.

21 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Mental Health and Firearms Task Force

Description:

Establishes a mental health and firearms task force to research current state laws, both locally and nationally, relating to mental health and firearms and recommend legislation to address the issue of mental health and firearms. Designates members of the task force. Requires report to the legislature. (SD1)

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