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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The legislature finds that the Hawaii  
2 state hospital has faced a number of recurring issues over the  
3 past several years, including workplace safety issues,  
4 employment and human resources matters, and difficulty meeting  
5 the needs of patients due to the inefficient use of facilities.  
6 Although the legislative and executive branches have attempted  
7 to address these issues through investigative committees and  
8 special action teams, concerns about the administration of the  
9 hospital persist.

10           The need for the continued concern was made evident by the  
11 recent high profile escape of a committed patient from the  
12 hospital. The legislature finds that this escape, perhaps the  
13 most visible incident at the hospital in recent history, was  
14 unfortunately not an isolated incident. In fact, there have  
15 been over one hundred escape incidents, also known as  
16 "elopements", from the Hawaii state hospital since 2001. This



1 high figure has raised justifiable concerns about public safety  
2 from the residents of the windward Oahu community.

3 In response to these concerns, the Hawaii state hospital  
4 has taken a number of corrective actions, including:

- 5 (1) Placing employees involved in the recent high profile  
6 escape on administrative leave pending an  
7 investigation by the attorney general;
- 8 (2) Completing a public safety audit;
- 9 (3) Consulting with the Oahu community correctional center  
10 and the Colorado Mental Health Institute to  
11 investigate the use of GPS monitoring;
- 12 (4) Adding additional fencing on the hospital campus;
- 13 (5) Creating a satellite medical unit and lab station to  
14 reduce the number of patient transports;
- 15 (6) Preparing the relocation of certain programs pending  
16 security enhancements;
- 17 (7) Requiring that all patients leaving secured areas wear  
18 restraints;
- 19 (8) Suspending off-grounds escorted privileges;
- 20 (9) Implementing new procedures for census counts;
- 21 (10) Conducting additional unannounced unit searches;



1 (11) Retraining staff; and

2 (12) Relocating a security post to improve visibility.

3 In addition to these actions, the legislature notes that  
4 the Hawaii state hospital has established a security corrective  
5 action plan. The hospital has already implemented portions of  
6 the plan, including updating its communication plan to notify  
7 the community in case of an escape and the installation of new  
8 locking systems, security window screens, and fences to improve  
9 security. However, the legislature finds that implementing  
10 other portions of the plan will require an additional investment  
11 of resources.

12 (b) The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the  
13 department of health to implement the outstanding  
14 recommendations of the Hawaii state hospital security corrective  
15 action plan.

16 Specifically, this Act:

17 (1) Appropriates funds for the purchase of electronic  
18 ankle monitoring bracelets and additional metal  
19 detector hand wands;



1 (2) Appropriates funds for the purchase and installation  
2 of additional lighting and closed circuit television  
3 cameras; and

4 (3) Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to  
5 fund capital improvement projects at the Hawaii state  
6 hospital campus to improve hospital security.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
10 purchase of electronic ankle monitoring bracelets and metal  
11 detector hand wands for the Hawaii state hospital.

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

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
17 purchase and installation of perimeter lighting and signage on  
18 the Hawaii state hospital campus.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
20 health for the purposes of this section.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the  
 4 purchase and installation of closed circuit television cameras  
 5 at the Hawaii state hospital to monitor new security fencing  
 6 areas and other portions of the campus.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 8 health for the purposes of this section.

9 SECTION 5. The director of finance is authorized to issue  
 10 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much  
 11 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof  
 12 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2018-2019  
 13 for the purpose of capital improvement projects for the Hawaii  
 14 state hospital, as follows:

15 1. Replacement of the sally port gate #1 at unit F with a  
 16 rolling gate.

17	Design	\$
18	Construction	\$
19	Total Funding	\$

20 2. Relocation of the post 1 guard shack and entry road closer  
 21 to Cooke building.



1	Planning	\$
2	Design	\$
3	Construction	\$
4	Total Funding	\$

5 3. Design and construction of an operating locked gate at the  
6 Ala Koolau drive entrance.

7	Design	\$
8	Construction	\$
9	Total Funding	\$

10 4. Design and construction of a security fence encompassing  
11 the Hawaii state hospital campus, possibly including the  
12 Aloha Garden.

13	Design	\$
14	Construction	\$
15	Total Funding	\$

16 SECTION 6. The appropriation made for the capital  
17 improvement projects authorized by section 5 of this Act shall  
18 not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the  
19 appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the  
20 appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2020, shall lapse as  
21 of that date.



1 SECTION 7. The sums appropriated for the respective  
2 capital projects set forth in section 5 shall be expended by the  
3 department of health for the purposes of that section.

4 SECTION 8. The department of health shall submit a report  
5 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
6 convening of the regular sessions of 2019, 2020, and 2021. The  
7 report shall include:

- 8 (1) An update of the department's progress in implementing  
9 the security corrective action plan;
- 10 (2) The number of elopements, if any, during the previous  
11 year; and
- 12 (3) Any other findings and recommendations, including any  
13 proposed legislation.

14 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to purchase electronic ankle monitoring bracelets, hand wands, lighting, and closed circuit television cameras for the Hawaii State Hospital. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund capital improvement projects at the Hawaii State Hospital to improve security. (HB2280 HD2)

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