



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

July 5, 2019

GOV. MSG. NO. 1365

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 5, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1494 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO HEALTH.
ACT 263 (19)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of health a working group to evaluate current behavioral health
3 care and related systems and identify steps that may be taken to
4 promote effective integration to more effectively respond to and
5 coordinate care for persons experiencing substance abuse, mental
6 health conditions, and homelessness.

7 (b) The working group shall consist of the following
8 members:

- 9 (1) The director of health, or the director's designee,
10 who shall serve as chair;
- 11 (2) One representative from the behavioral health services
12 administration of the department of health;
- 13 (3) One representative of the department of public safety;
- 14 (4) One representative from the med-QUEST division of the
15 department of human services;
- 16 (5) One representative of the judiciary;
- 17 (6) One representative from the insurance division of the
18 department of commerce and consumer affairs;



- 1 (7) One or more representatives of the Hawaii Opioid
2 Initiative executive steering committee;
- 3 (8) One representative from each entity operating a health
4 plan in the State, who the director of health shall
5 invite to participate on the working group;
- 6 (9) One or more members of the Hawaii Substance Abuse
7 Coalition, who the director of health shall invite to
8 participate on the working group;
- 9 (10) One representative of the Hawaii interagency council
10 on homelessness;
- 11 (11) One clinical social worker licensed under chapter
12 467E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- 13 (12) Others as recommended by the working group.
- 14 (c) The working group shall evaluate:
 - 15 (1) Inventory of funding streams and their metrics;
 - 16 (2) Currently existing barriers to treatment access;
 - 17 (3) Policies and practices that perpetuate or
18 substantially contribute to access barriers;
 - 19 (4) Practices that would improve care coordination and
20 increase access to care;



1 (5) Policies or legislative actions that are recommended
2 to effectuate coordinated entry and coordinated
3 systems of behavioral health care; and

4 (6) Defined roles and responsibilities recommended of
5 state, county, and community entities.

6 (d) Members of the working group shall serve without
7 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
8 necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
9 expenses. No member of the working group shall be subject to
10 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of the
11 member's participation in the working group.

12 (e) Two or more members of the working group, but less
13 than the number of members which would constitute a quorum for
14 the working group, may discuss between themselves matters
15 relating to official business of the working group to enable
16 them to faithfully perform their duties to the working group and
17 the organizations they represent, as long as no commitment to
18 vote is made or sought. Such discussions shall be a permitted
19 interaction under section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

20 (f) The working group shall submit a report of its
21 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2020.

3 (g) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2021.

4 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

APPROVED this 05 day of JUL, 2019




GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII


S.B. No. 1494, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1494, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

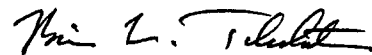
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives