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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATIONS TO BE SERVED BY A NEW INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY AND DEVELOP A COORDINATED INTERAGENCY ACTION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT NEEDED SERVICES, AND COMMENCE BUILDING A SECURE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY.

1           WHEREAS, the State is facing a severe shortage of resources  
2 to effectively address the needs of individuals committed to the  
3 custody of the Director of Health or the Director of Public  
4 Safety who may require strict security and intensive inpatient  
5 mental health treatment; and  
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7           WHEREAS, for over twenty years, the Hawaii State Hospital  
8 in Kaneohe has served a forensic population, as virtually every  
9 patient admitted comes to the hospital by court order; and  
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11           WHEREAS, forensic patients are patients who have been  
12 charged with a crime and most have been diagnosed with a severe  
13 and persistent mental illness, substance addiction, or both; and  
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15           WHEREAS, many of the inmates and detainees in jails and  
16 prisons have a history of violence and have significant needs  
17 for psychiatric care, including inpatient hospitalization; and  
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19           WHEREAS, while admissions to the Hawaii State Hospital  
20 decreased slightly in 2017, forensic utilization of the hospital  
21 remains strong; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the growing need to address this forensic  
24 psychiatric population has created a strain on the staff and  
25 programs; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the buildings currently in use at the Hawaii State  
28 Hospital were designed to serve a population of individuals very  
29 different from those who are there at present; now, therefore,  
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31           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
32 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the  
33 Department of Health is requested to convene a task force to:



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- 2 (1) Study the needs of the populations to be served by the
- 3 construction of a new inpatient psychiatric facility;
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- 6 (2) Develop a coordinated interagency action plan to
- 7 implement services at the new inpatient psychiatric
- 8 facility; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
11 include representation from the:

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- 13 (1) Department of Health;
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- 15 (2) Judiciary;
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- 17 (3) Department of the Attorney General;
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- 19 (4) Department of Public Safety;
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- 21 (5) State Procurement Office;
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- 23 (6) Department of Accounting and General Services; and
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- 25 (7) Other relevant legal, law enforcement, and mental
- 26 health organizations as determined by the Director of
- 27 Health; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
30 submit the interagency action plan and plans to build a secure  
31 inpatient psychiatric facility to the Legislature no later than  
32 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
33 2020; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on  
36 June 30, 2020; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
39 requested to commence building a secure inpatient psychiatric  
40 facility no later than January 1, 2021; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Attorney  
3 General, Director of Public Safety, Comptroller, Administrative  
4 Director of the Courts, and Administrator of the State  
5 Procurement Office.  
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