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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRANSITIONS CLINIC NETWORK PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's high  
2 incarceration rates cost the State and its taxpayers millions of  
3 dollars every year. In fiscal year 2019, Hawaii had an average  
4 combined monthly jail and prison population of 5,217 inmates in  
5 both state and private, mainland facilities. Additionally, a  
6 large amount of the State's incarcerated population need health  
7 care services during and after incarceration, including mental  
8 health services.

9           The legislature further finds that a transitions clinic  
10 network program would provide patient-centered primary care  
11 facilities for chronically-ill individuals released from  
12 incarceration. The program, designed in partnership with  
13 formerly incarcerated individuals, would be based within safety-  
14 net community health centers in neighborhoods most impacted by  
15 incarceration. Each clinic would collaborate with correctional  
16 partners to provide continuity of care, easy access to  
17 comprehensive primary care, culturally competent patient-



1 centered medical services, and close partnerships with local  
2 reentry organizations to address social determinants of health.  
3 The program would also address the complex barriers that  
4 patients and health systems face when trying to improve the  
5 health of, and enhance the health care services provided to,  
6 chronically-ill individuals who return from incarceration.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
8 human services to procure the services of a master contractor  
9 and require the master contractor to implement and operate a  
10 transitions clinic network pilot program.

11 SECTION 2. (a) The department of human services shall:

- 12 (1) Procure the services of a master contractor;  
13 (2) Oversee the funds expended by the master contractor;  
14 and  
15 (3) Develop and require the master contractor to implement  
16 policies and procedures for a fair and equitable  
17 procurement process for subcontractors made between  
18 the master contractor and subcontracted provider  
19 agencies that are consistent with the goals of public  
20 accountability and public procurement practices.

21 (b) The master contractor shall:



- 1       (1) Implement and operate the transitions clinic network  
2             pilot program, which shall be an evidence-based model  
3             of care that provides to previously-incarcerated  
4             individuals with chronic health conditions continuity  
5             of care services, access to comprehensive primary  
6             care, and patient-centered primary health care  
7             facilities after release from incarceration;
- 8       (2) Procure and oversee subcontracts for the transitions  
9             clinic network pilot program, in accordance with  
10            chapter 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- 11       (3) Create partnerships with local reentry organizations;
- 12       (4) Allow community health workers to connect participants  
13             to health and social services and assist participants  
14             with navigating through post-release life;
- 15       (5) Create health care system enhancements for patient-  
16             centered services, including but not limited to early  
17             access to primary care, behavioral health integration,  
18             and medication-assisted treatment for substance use  
19             disorders;



1 (6) At a minimum, provide quarterly reports to the house  
2 of representatives and senate committees on housing  
3 and human services;

4 (7) Develop reporting procedures and timelines for  
5 providing performance information to respective state  
6 agencies;

7 (8) Use the moneys appropriated in section 3 of this Act  
8 to implement and operate the transitions clinic  
9 network pilot program, including implementing the  
10 program in one primary care health clinic, providing  
11 training and salaries and benefits to two community  
12 health workers, and procuring staff computers and  
13 other supplies; provided that the master contractor  
14 may retain from the amounts paid under the master  
15 contract between the master contractor and  
16 subcontractors an administrative fee in an amount not  
17 to exceed fifteen per cent of the total contract  
18 price; and

19 (9) Be accountable for funds expended.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the  
2 department of human services to procure the services of a master  
3 contractor and for the master contractor to implement and  
4 operate the transitions clinic network pilot program.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
6 human services for the purposes of this Act; provided that the  
7 department shall provide to the master contractor at the  
8 beginning of the transitions clinic network pilot program the  
9 total sum of the moneys expended.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DHS; Transitions Clinic Network Pilot Program; Master Contractor; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Human Services to procure the services of a master contractor. Requires the master contractor to implement and operate a transitions clinic network pilot program. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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