

GOV. MSG. NO. 654

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

April 22, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on April 22, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3068 SD1 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH
DIVISION.
(ACT 29)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. Although funds were appropriated to the
5 department of health for adult mental health services for the
6 fiscal period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008,
7 a critical funding emergency now exists. The program will
8 expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current
9 fiscal year, and the department will be unable to meet its
10 fiscal obligation to provide services to certain adults with
11 severe mental illness.

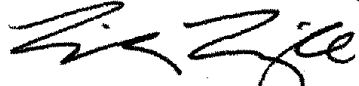
12 The adult mental health division serves a continuously
13 increasing number of eligible mental health consumers.
14 Concurrently throughout the year, the adult mental health
15 division has increased its related services in the areas of case
16 management, crisis services, treatment services, rehabilitation
17 services, and housing. This emergency increase is to continue



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 health for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 22 day of APR, 2008



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

