

REPORT TO THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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The Department of Health (DOH) regrets that the deliverables requested have not been fulfilled. Due to recent changes in leadership at the Department of Health, specifically the Behavioral Health Administration, as well as the ongoing COVID-10 pandemic response, and other public health priorities, the department was unable to convene this working group.

DOH will continue to study this issue internally in keeping with the spirit of this request and the department's charge of promoting, protecting, preserving, caring for, and improving the mental health of the people of Hawaii.