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December 31, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura,
Speaker
and Members of the House of
Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Annual Report the Emergency Transportations and Assisted Community Treatment to the Legislature, pursuant to Act 219, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, under Chapter 334, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at:

<https://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/department-of-health-reports-to-2026-legislature/>

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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REPORT TO THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
2026

PURSUANT TO ACT 219, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2025,
REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE
EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATIONS AND ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT UNDER
HRS CHAPTER 334

PREPARED BY:
STATE OF HAWAII
DECEMBER 2025

Act 219, SLH 2025, was enacted on June 25, 2025. Section 2 of this Act requires the Department of Health (Department) to report annually on the effectiveness of the strategies employed by providers pursuant to Parts IV and VIII of Chapter 334, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in reducing hospitalization of persons subject to emergency transportation or assisted community treatment and in reducing involvement with local law enforcement by persons subject to assisted community treatment orders. The report is also to include any other measures identified by the Department regarding individuals subject to assisted community treatment petitions and orders and various other measures, based on information that is available.

The Department remains committed to transparency and providing the Legislature and the public information deemed necessary to improve the State's behavioral health system. However, with the high vacancy rate, current staffing levels were not sufficient to begin evaluating effectiveness of these strategies. The Department continues to work with providers and other entities required to report under this Act to explore ways that this coordination and collection of data can occur without sacrificing service provision in an already understaffed field. All information currently available is included.

Emergency Transport

A total of 5,018 individuals were brought to facilities operated by service providers through emergency transportation initiated by a law enforcement officer (MH-1) since January 1, 2020.

One individual was brought to a facility operated by service providers through emergency transportation initiated by a licensed physician (MH-3) since June 25, 2025.

Assisted Community Treatment (ACT)

The following data were provided by the Institute for Human Services and represents the most current information available:

- Calendar Year (CY) 2023: Fourteen petitions filed, nine orders issued.
- CY 2024: Nine petitions filed, 12 orders issued
 - The orders issued are inclusive of some petitions that were filed in the previous CY

The following data were provided by the Department of the Attorney General and represents the most current information available:

- CY 2023: Two petitions filed, one order issued
 - Hawaii County: One petition filed and one order issued

- City and County of Honolulu: One petition filed
- CY 2024: Four petitions filed, four orders issued
 - Hawaii County: Two petitions filed and two orders issued
 - City and County of Honolulu: Two petitions filed and two orders issued
 - The orders issued are inclusive of petition filed in the previous CY

The Department recognizes that utilization of the ACT law has been minimal. To increase and encourage usage among community providers, the Department is planning an ACT training for stakeholders in Fiscal Year 2026.