

State facilities are currently operating at approximately 99 percent census, exceeding both funded capacity and recommended safe operating levels for high-acuity inpatient settings, with a current waitlist of 48 forensic

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individuals awaiting admission, thus it is not anticipated that the diversion of these individuals will result in savings at facilities that could be recouped.

DBHDS currently receives an annual appropriation of \$1.8 million for outpatient restoration services and treats approximately 700 individuals per year. Even if all possible 400 individuals who would otherwise be treated on an inpatient basis were allowed outpatient services, DBHDS could absorb the additional cases in the existing appropriation.

Other: This bill is a companion to SB528.