

# MENTAL HEALTH

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Pursuant to Concurrent Resolution H. 1859 of 1957  
and Senate Resolution S. 648 of 1958



duced, it should be pointed out that even after the expenditure of \$8,700,000.00, overcrowding still exists to the total of 1,568 patients. Estimated additional funds for ward buildings to completely relieve overcrowding is \$10,000,000.00. This estimate and all other estimated amounts of money in this report are based on the best information available to us.

**Other permanent improvement needs are:**

The hospital's laundry operation is tremendous and is conducted in two old buildings not designed for efficiency. The one at the Columbia Division was originally a steam plant and the one at State Park was a temporary type building built about forty years ago. **Present demands for laundry service cannot be met satisfactorily with present facilities.** The present equipment is largely surplus, used equipment and some pieces of major equipment cannot be expected to operate much longer as parts cannot be obtained for them. The total laundry volume has increased 71 per cent in seven years. The impossible situation has been reached and the Committee finds an immediate appropriation of approximately \$500,000.00 is needed to provide adequate laundry facilities.

**At State Park there is an urgent need for a central kitchen and congregate dining room.** Existing facilities, totally inadequate in space and equipment, are such as to demand immediate and most