
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DRUG NUISANCE ABATEMENT UNIT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Drug Nuisance
2 Abatement Unit was established in the Attorney General's office
3 pursuant to Act 63, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003 to provide for
4 enforcement and prosecution of nuisance abatement laws as a way
5 of combating the rampant growth of "ice" houses in the
6 communities of the state. The legislature further finds that
7 while the General Appropriations Act of 2005 appropriated
8 \$150,000 in general funds to finance the unit for fiscal year
9 2005-2006, no funding was appropriated for fiscal year 2006-
10 2007.

11 Part of the General Appropriations Act of 2005 called for a
12 report by the unit outlining priorities and projected
13 expenditures, and unit performance. The report validates the
14 wisdom of the legislature to support this program as a means to
15 combat "ice" houses, but also shows the limitations of the
16 program due to funding constraints. The report cites the need
17 for an additional Investigator VI and one half-time Investigator
18 V to reduce the case backlog. Additionally, the report states



1 that at least thirty percent of an Investigator's time is
2 devoted to clerical duties that could be assigned to a Clerk-
3 Typist position, freeing up the Investigator to conduct
4 investigations. The purpose of this Act is to fund the Drug
5 Nuisance Abatement Unit for fiscal year 2006-2007, and to
6 increase staffing levels for fiscal year 2006-2007 as suggested
7 by the report of the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$_____, or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
11 the operation and staffing of the drug nuisance abatement unit.
12 The staffing shall include the following positions:

13 One (1) Full-time Deputy Attorney General
14 One (1) Full-time Investigator VI
15 One (1) Full-time Investigator V (based on Oahu)
16 Two (2) Half-time Investigator V (based on Hawaii)
17 One (1) Full-time Clerk-Typist III

18 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
19 department of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit; appropriation

Description:

Funds the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit for FY 2006-2007.

