
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, whether it is
2 called "ice", "batu", or "shabu", crystal methamphetamine has
3 been a serious public health issue in Hawaii since the late
4 1980s. Accessible and highly addictive, "ice" usage has reached
5 epidemic proportions and has affected all of Hawaii's ethnic,
6 socioeconomic, and geographic sectors. There have been several
7 recent and sensational incidents involving its use including one
8 long term, mentally ill drug user who axed his elderly father to
9 death and seriously injured his mother because they refused to
10 give him money to buy "ice". Another recent incident involved a
11 spectacular hit and run crash in east Honolulu that involved
12 over a dozen vehicles and tied up traffic for hours. A stolen
13 vehicle whose occupants were known "ice" users caused the crash.

14 The legislature also finds that Hawaii's community
15 coalitions play an important role in bringing residents, service
16 providers, and other community members together to focus on the
17 "ice" issue in local neighborhoods and communities. It is vital
18 to keep existing community coalitions viable and mobilized and



1 encourage the development of new or emerging community
2 coalitions. This approach will empower community coalitions to
3 assist in the prioritization of resources and funding through
4 cooperative problem solving, planning, and bottom-up decision-
5 making.

6 The purpose of this Act is to fund geographical areas
7 identified by school complexes statewide through existing or
8 emerging community coalitions to coordinate local anti-drug
9 community efforts, fill service gaps, and implement best
10 practice prevention programs.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$14,700,000 or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
14 existing or emerging community coalitions in all forty-two
15 school complexes used as geographical identifiers of areas to
16 receive funding statewide to coordinate local anti-drug
17 community efforts, fill service gaps, and implement best
18 practice prevention programs as follows:

19 (1) Youth substance abuse prevention and
20 intervention programs: \$5,250,000
21 To provide effective, best practice, and
22 culturally adapted drug prevention and



1 intervention and education programs for
2 youth. These programs may include a wide
3 range of youth-focused activities such as:
4 mentoring, after school tutoring and
5 recreational activities, culturally-based
6 dance and performance activities, sports,
7 and martial arts programs. They may also
8 include family strengthening and other
9 parental support services to enhance
10 services to youth;

11 (2) Neighborhood safety and family support
12 and education: \$3,150,000

13 To mobilize community prevention
14 partnerships to address drug-related
15 problems, including assisting law
16 enforcement with abatement of "ice" houses
17 and neighborhood crime reduction and
18 assisting families with pre-treatment
19 issues of addicted family members. Victims
20 support and family drug education services
21 may also be included in this category of
22 services; and

1 (3) Continuing care of persons in recovery: \$6,300,000

2 To provide coordination, community
3 support, and resources to those returning
4 from incarceration and drug treatment to
5 prevent relapse and ensure successful
6 integration back into the community,
7 including but not limited to clean and
8 sober transitional housing, job
9 development, support groups, and family
10 strengthening and counseling. In
11 addition, communities may want to develop
12 drug-endangered child protection programs
13 to implement continuing care, protection,
14 and education for young children.

15 (4) Operational expenses, including but not
16 limited to:
17 Staffing, equipment, consulting, and other
18 operating costs that will ensure service
19 quality and accountability.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
21 health, alcohol and drug abuse division, for the purposes of
22 this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



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Report Title:

Substance Abuse; Treatment; Appropriation

Description:

Funds school complexes for existing or emerging community coalitions to coordinate local anti-drug community efforts, fill service gaps, and implement best practice prevention programs.

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