
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that due to the dramatic
2 increase in substance abuse cases, and the resulting increase in
3 the number of incarcerated people with drug abuse problems,
4 alternatives to dealing with the drug-abusing offender are
5 necessary. While drug treatment is an important aspect of
6 reintegration into the community, rehabilitation programs must
7 prepare incarcerated persons for life in the community.

8 The legislature also finds that a disproportionate number
9 of incarcerated persons are of Native Hawaiian ancestry, and
10 that they have cultural and employment needs that are at a
11 crisis level. The legislature further finds that members of the
12 community are willing to train inmates to learn about Native
13 Hawaiian heritage and skills, such as *uhau humu pohaku*, or dry-
14 stacked rock construction, which are needed and marketable in
15 the community at large due the growing need for cultural
16 preservation projects. This is a win-win situation as education
17 about Native Hawaiian heritage and culture in conjunction with
18 training in skills can produce inmates who are highly trained



1 and motivated to reintegrate into the greater community. The
2 purpose of this Act is to implement a pilot project within the
3 department of public safety at Kulani Prison for inmates seeking
4 drug treatment combining education in Native Hawaiian heritage
5 and culture and training in the art of *uhau humu pohaku*.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$_____, or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
9 purpose of implementing a pilot project within the department of
10 public safety at Kulani Prison for inmates seeking drug
11 treatment combining education in Native Hawaiian heritage and
12 culture and training in the art of *uhau humu pohaku*, or Hawaiian
13 dry-stack masonry.

14 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
15 department for public safety for the purposes of this Act;
16 provided that the project shall be available to those inmates
17 who are eligible for drug treatment and that the department of
18 public safety and the department of commerce and consumer
19 affairs execute a memorandum of understanding allowing time
20 spent in the program to be credited towards any time requirement
21 for a masonry license.

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



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Report Title:
Drug Treatment

Description:
Provides funding for a pilot drug treatment program.

