
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 up to \$350,000 per
7 school complex statewide through existing or emerging community
8 coalitions to coordinate local anti-drug community efforts, fill
9 service gaps, and implement best practice prevention programs.

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

- 17 (1) Youth substance abuse prevention and
18 intervention programs: \$5,250,000
19 To provide effective, best practice, and
20 culturally adapted drug prevention and
21 intervention and education programs for
22 youth. These programs may include a wide



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

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

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

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

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

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 15 health, alcohol and drug abuse division, for the purposes of
 16 this Act.

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

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