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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND  
EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that adolescent substance  
2 abuse continues to be a significant problem affecting the youth  
3 of Hawaii. Student leaders at the 2005 Secondary Student  
4 Conference passed a resolution advocating for an effective drug  
5 and alcohol awareness program in public secondary schools  
6 statewide. According to researchers at the University of  
7 Hawaii, "Student substance abuse is related to a number of  
8 negative outcomes at school including academic difficulties,  
9 lack of motivation, and interpersonal violence."

10           In its 2003 Hawaii Student Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug  
11 Use Study, the department of health estimated that seven per  
12 cent or over sixty-five hundred public school students in grades  
13 six through twelve need treatment for substance abuse. The  
14 study recommended strengthening substance abuse prevention in  
15 schools and noted that a comprehensive substance abuse  
16 prevention program must begin no later than the fourth grade and  
17 should continue through high school. The Drug Abuse Resistance





SB2176

**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Substance Abuse Prevention and Education

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for DOH, in coordination with DOE, to establish a substance abuse prevention and education program in public secondary schools.

