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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. This legislature finds that drug abuse, and
2 particularly the use of crystal methamphetamine, or "ice", is
3 the greatest threat to a community's health and public safety on
4 the island of Hawaii. Although a strategic element in combating
5 drug abuse, the community cannot solely rely on increases in the
6 policing and prosecution of abusers, nor can drug abuse be
7 solved through institutional rehabilitation and education.
8 Grass roots community involvement is a necessary element in
9 combating this plague upon the island of Hawaii. In an effort
10 to stimulate and implement grass roots community involvement in
11 the fight against drug abuse, the county of Hawaii developed the
12 community anti-drug fund and implemented various drug and
13 substance abuse services and programs, such as the healing our
14 island fund, which is based on the community anti-drug fund.
15 The healing our island fund was established two years ago and
16 thus far one hundred thirty community groups have received
17 grants to address drug and other substance abuse services and
18 programs. This program is intended to permit organizations and



1 community associations that are not tax exempt under Internal
2 Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) to conduct anti-drug activities
3 in their communities with a focus on youth, family, and
4 neighborhood. These grants are limited to requests of no more
5 than \$2,000 and are used for grass roots community-based anti-
6 drug and substance abuse events.

7 These grants are administered by the Hawaii county resource
8 center, a division of the Hawaii county department of research
9 and development agency. All grant requests are scored by a
10 committee of ten to fifteen representatives from county, state,
11 and community members from every district of the island of
12 Hawaii. All grant requests that are not funded are provided
13 assistance by the Hawaii county resource center to improve their
14 applications and increase the likelihood of funding in the
15 future. Applications are reviewed monthly and funding made
16 available the following month. All grantees are required to
17 submit a follow-up report detailing the impact of their program
18 initiative upon their community and the number of participants
19 in anti-drug efforts.

20 This program has been very well-received in the community
21 for the past two years. Its purpose, to provide support to
22 grass roots and community-based anti-drug efforts, has



1 encouraged a number of communities to collaborate and cooperate
2 in prevention efforts to address substance abuse issues. The
3 county of Hawaii looks forward to continuing this program with
4 continued state legislative support.

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000, or so much
7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the
8 county of Hawaii community anti-drug fund to be expended to
9 address drug and substance abuse issues.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
11 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: Robert J. ...

By Request



SB 2409

Report Title:

Drug Abuse Prevention; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates \$200,000 for grass roots community-based anti-drug and substance abuse events in Hawaii county.

