

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2409

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2409 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG FUND,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation for the County of Hawaii community anti-drug fund for expenditure on drug and substance abuse efforts.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Assistant of Hawaii County.

Your Committees find that drug abuse, and particularly the use of crystal methamphetamine, or "ice," is the greatest threat to a community's health and public safety on the island of Hawaii. Grass roots community involvement is a necessary element in combating this plague on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committees further find that, on the Big Island:

- (1) There is an epidemic of crystal meth (ice) and heroin abuse;
- (2) Ice addiction has emerged as an enormous social, health, law enforcement, and public safety issue;



- (3) In 2004, approximately eighty-two percent of traffic deaths involved people driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or both; and
- (4) Family violence caused by the use of ice has reached epidemic proportions, resulting in child abandonment and abuse.

The County of Hawaii has established the community anti-drug fund and implemented various drug and substance abuse services and programs, such as the "healing our island fund," which is based on the community anti-drug fund. The healing our island fund was established two years ago and thus far one hundred thirty community groups have received grants to address drug and other substance abuse services and programs.

The efforts funded from the community anti-drug fund have been very well-received in the community for the past two years. Its purpose, to provide support to grass roots and community-based anti-drug efforts, has encouraged a number of communities to collaborate and cooperate in prevention efforts to address substance abuse issues.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Intergovernmental Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2409 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Intergovernmental Affairs,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Health
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2409	Committee Referral: HTH/IGA, WAM	Date: 2/13/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	✓			
HANABUSA, Colleen				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	✓
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.

