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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRUGS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, since the formation  
2 of the drug nuisance abatement unit of the department of the  
3 attorney general in July 2003, the unit has performed well in  
4 abating drug nuisances by directly and informally working with  
5 the owners of buildings to remove drug dealers and by filing  
6 civil lawsuits that seek to prohibit drug dealers from remaining  
7 in drug houses. Of the one thousand one hundred ninety-two  
8 complaints received by the department of the attorney general  
9 from the community about illegal drug activities and drug houses  
10 since 2003, six hundred forty-five cases have been closed due to  
11 the efforts of the unit. Among the accomplishments of the unit  
12 are:

- 13           (1) Improving coordination with other law enforcement  
14                agencies;
- 15           (2) Decreasing the backlog of complaints;
- 16           (3) Increasing the number of drug nuisance abatements; and
- 17           (4) Raising community awareness of the drug nuisance  
18                abatement process.



1           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to continue  
2 the enforcement and prosecution of drug nuisance abatement laws.

3           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           , or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
6 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
7 2008-2009, to fund 1.5 investigator positions and 1.0 clerk  
8 typist position for salaries and other costs for these positions  
9 in the drug nuisance abatement unit of the department of  
10 attorney general.

11           SECTION 3. The sums appropriated in section 2 of this Act  
12 shall be expended by the drug nuisance abatement unit of the  
13 department of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

14           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

**REPORT Title:**

Law Enforcement; Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit; Appropriations

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the department of the attorney general to support the activities of the drug nuisance abatement unit. Effective date is July 1, 2007. (SD2)

