
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that addiction to crystal
2 methamphetamine ("ice") constitutes a public health crisis that
3 currently lacks a clearly effective treatment. The state
4 department of health reports that in 2007, over forty-eight per
5 cent of adults in treatment centers in the State identified
6 crystal methamphetamine as their drug of choice. The
7 legislature further finds that Vivitrol, a long-lasting
8 injectable form of the drug naltrexone, has been shown to be
9 effective in the treatment of alcohol dependence and may also
10 help to treat crystal methamphetamine addiction.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish a crystal
12 methamphetamine treatment pilot study to examine the efficacy of
13 Vivitrol as a treatment option for substance abuse and
14 addiction.

15 SECTION 2. Hina Mauka, in consultation with the University
16 of Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns school of medicine, shall
17 develop and administer a two-year pilot study to treat fifteen
18 patients addicted to crystal methamphetamine with Vivitrol. The



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1 school of medicine shall provide guidance regarding study
2 design, including appropriate dosages of Vivitrol as well as any
3 recommended psychosocial interventions.

4 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to
7 implement the pilot program.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
9 Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns school of medicine, for the
10 purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. The John A. Burns school of medicine and Hina
12 Mauka shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations
13 concerning the pilot project to the legislature no later than
14 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
15 2010.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
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Report Title:

Vivitrol Pilot Project; Crystal Methamphetamine Addiction; Ice

Description:

Establishes a pilot project at Hina Mauka to treat crystal methamphetamine ("ice") addiction using Vivitrol (long-acting, injectable form of naltrexone).

