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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG FUND.

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

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



1 non-501(c)(3) organizations and community associations to
2 conduct anti-drug activities in their communities with a focus
3 on the youth, family and neighborhood. These grants are limited
4 to requests of no more than \$2,000 and are used for grass roots
5 community-based anti-drug and substance abuse events.

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

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



1 prevention efforts to address substance abuse issues. The
2 county of Hawai'i looks forward to continuing this program with
3 continued state legislative support.

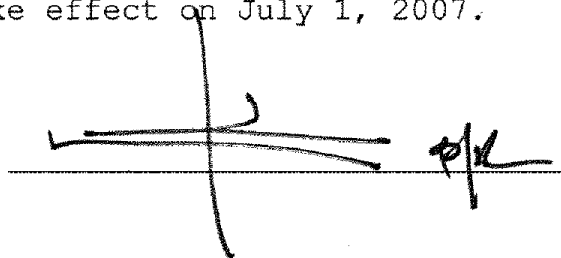
4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000, or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for the
7 county of Hawai'i to implement grass roots community involvement
8 through the community anti-drug fund.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
10 Hawai'i for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Hawaii County; Anti-Drug Fund

Description:

Appropriates funds to the county of Hawaii to implement grass roots community involvement through the community anti-drug fund.

