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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE  
ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE DRUG INJECTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that naltrexone, under  
2 the brand name of Vivitrol, is a monthly injectable medication  
3 for the treatment of alcohol dependence in patients who are able  
4 to abstain from alcohol in an outpatient setting prior to  
5 initiation of treatment. Naltrexone is contraindicated in acute  
6 hepatitis or liver failure, and its use in patients with active  
7 liver disease must be carefully considered in light of its  
8 hepatotoxic effects. The purpose of this Act is to require the  
9 department of health to provide free injections of naltrexone to  
10 appropriate patients for the treatment of alcohol dependence in  
11 its health clinics.

12           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           , or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
15 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
16 2008-2009, for the provision of free injections of naltrexone to



1 appropriate patients for the treatment of alcohol dependence in  
2 health clinics operated under the department of health.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of health for the purposes of this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Alcohol Dependence Treatment; DOH Clinics; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates \$            in FY 2007-2008 \$            in FY 2008-2009 for  
the department of health to provide free injections of the  
alcohol dependence drug naltrexone in its health clinics.

