

# ***Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services***

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## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

### **Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1288**

**Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Funds**

**Submitted by David Derauf**

**February 3, 2011, 9:00 am., Room 211**

Kokua Kalihi Valley supports this measure which would allow more efficient and expeditious awarding of funds that were appropriated in last years legislative session to organizations such as ourselves. This Bill will make the process of expending these monies more efficient for the State Agencies which are charged with their release.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

# HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

**Topic:** SB 1288 Emergency and Budget Fund Reserve

**To:** COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Senator 'David Ige, Chair; Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

**When:** Feb. 3, 2011, Thursday, at 9:00 am

**Place:** Conference Room 211

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Distinguished members. My name is Alan Johnson, I am the Chairperson of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, a hui of about 20 alcohol and substance abuse treatment agencies in Hawai'i.

## HSAC Supports SB1288

*The recent reductions in Substance Abuse Treatment place the Federal match at risk. A 10% or more reduction quickly turns into over 18% reduction in services to the community due to the Maintenance of Effort calculation imposed by the Federal government. SAMHSA, the Federal agency strongly, encourages States, such as Hawaii, to follow President Obama's lead to not reduce treatment at this time of most need by so many.*

### **Treatment Works, Saves Money, Reduces Crime and Addresses Health Care Related Issues.**

1. Treatment is effective for both adolescents and adults. The outcome data is available at <http://hawaii.gov/health/substance-abuse/prevention-treatment/treatment/adtrtwo.htm>
2. Almost 10% of the adult population and 6% of adolescents need treatment in Hawaii.
3. Treatment is 7 times more cost effective than the best supply control program.
4. Treatment is far less expensive than One year of treatment costs \$11,500. One year of incarceration costs \$39,600. One year of untreated addiction costs society an estimated \$43,200.

### **Reductions in Treatment are twofold considering that the State loses the Federal Match**

5. \$1 invested in substance abuse treatment saves taxpayers \$7 in future costs; that \$1 invested in treatment could save \$11.54 in combined medical and social costs; for every \$1 spent on substance abuse treatment \$5.60 was returned in reduced welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, crime courts, and imprisonment.
6. 33% of all Justice costs relate to substance abuse.
7. 55% in probation and parole programs need alcohol or drug treatment.

8. Treatment works: Results of a treatment study report significant declines in criminal activity.

- Reports of arrests of selling drugs decreased by 78.2%, from 64% to 13.9%.
- Reports of arrests of shoplifting decreased by 81.6%, from 63.7% to 11.7%.
- Reports of "beating someone up" decreased by 77.6%, from 49.3% to 11%.
- Reports of arrests for any crimes decreased by 64.2%, from 48.2% to 17.2% in the comparison years.
- Drug sales dropped by 68%;
- Breaking and entering dropped by 61%;
- Selling sex dropped by 54%;
- Use of weapons or physical force dropped by 75%.

**Treatment works: *Alcohol Health & Research World* reported findings that 50% of the costs of alcohol and drug abuse treatment are offset within one year by subsequent reductions in medical costs by the affected family, and not just the primary patient.**

*References: Please refer to <http://hawaii.gov/health/substance-abuse/prevention-treatment/treatment/adtrtwo.htm>*

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information and are available for questions, if needed.