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Comments: Recent events at Halawa provide the justification needed to fund substance abuse treatment services.

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SB2315 Substance Abuse Treatment for Halawa

- COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Senator Ige, Chair; Senator Kidani, Vice Chair
- Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2014; 9:05 a.m.
- Conference Room 211

HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION Supports SB2315

Good Morning Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Distinguished Committee Members. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization of more than twenty non-profit treatment and prevention agencies.

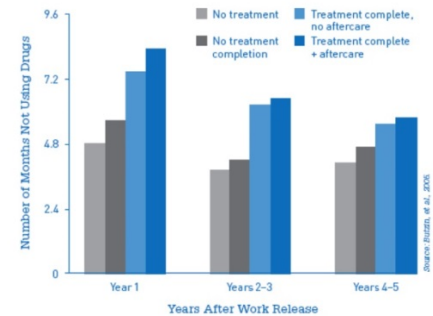
The connection between drug abuse and crime is well known – 50% to 67% of inmates in jails and State and Federal prisons meet standard diagnostic criteria (DSM-IV) for alcohol/drug dependence or abuse. Yet only 7% to 17% of these prisoners receive treatment in jail or prison.

Left untreated, drug-abusing offenders can relapse to drug use and return to criminal behavior. This jeopardizes public health and public safety, leads to re-arrest and re-incarceration, and further taxes an already over-burdened criminal justice system.

***Prolonged
abstinence
does NOT cure
addiction.***

Drug abuse treatment in criminal justice settings include therapeutic communities (TCs) in prison and community work-release settings, drug courts designed to blend treatment with judicial monitoring and sanctions, Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) case management approaches, and drug treatment alternatives to incarceration.

After treatment in prison, research strongly indicates that continuing treatment and aftercare in the community is needed to sustain gains. Combining prison-based treatment with community-based treatment upon release reduces the risk of recidivism, decreases substance abuse, improves prospects for employment, and increases pro-social behavior.

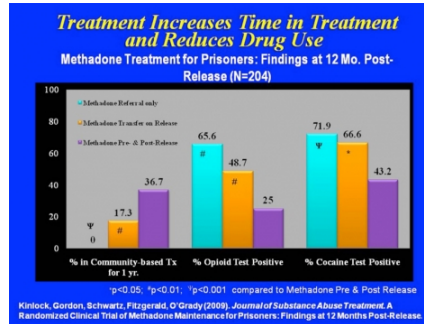


**Follow-up
Community-
Based
Treatment is
Necessary**

NIDA's Principles of Drug Abuse Treatment for Criminal Justice Populations

Research shows that combining treatment medications with behavioral therapy is the best way to ensure success for most patients. Yet despite known efficacy, pharmacological treatments for drug addiction are underused in the criminal justice system.

Medications Can Improve Treatment and Reduce Crime



Treatment with Medications Can Work with Criminal Justice Populations

Case management and referral to other medical, psychological, and social services are crucial components of treatment for many offenders.

Treatment reaps the greatest cost savings.

Treatment for adults and adolescents is cost-effective because it reduces costs related to drug use, health care, and crime, including incarceration costs. Adding treatment components to both in- and out-of-prison reaps the greatest cost savings.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for questions.

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james crowe	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support SB2315, appropriating funds for substance abuse treatment. It is a money-saver and a citizen-saver. It is the common sense approach to a desired solution.

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