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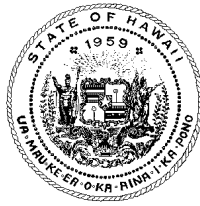
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Joy	Dept of Public Safety	Support	Yes

Comments: PSD "supports" this bill. Please contact PSD/Joy #7-3479 if you have any questions. jw

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2349
A BILL RELATING TO HEALTH
Ted Sakai, Director
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Monday, January 27, 2014, 1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety **supports** SB 2349, which would provide funding for a statewide pilot program to treat chronic, substance dependent adults. Such a program would help us manage our populations at our various facilities more effectively, as we would be able to recommend release of low risk inmates to structured programs.

We thank you for this opportunity to testify on this bill.

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To: Sen. Josh Green, Chair, and Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair

RE: SB 2349

HEARING: Hearing Monday January 27, 2014, conference room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support** of SB 2349, which makes an appropriation of \$500,000 for a pilot program to provide treatment and supportive services to chronic, substance-dependent adults.

Mental Health America of Hawaii has been in existence for 68 years, advocating on behalf of people with mental health as well as co-occurring disorders, such as substance abuse.

Anyone working in the field of human services is all too aware of the lack of treatment services available to those with severe and chronic substance use disorders. These individuals comprise a major proportion of our chronically homeless, and utilize untold costs for police, Emergency Department, hospital, and incarceration.

It is urgent that more facilities, treatment, and supportive services be available for these individuals. These are not hopeless cases – but they are if they do not receive the necessary help.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Marya Grambs
Executive Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Wall	Community Alliance for Mental Health	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Green and members of the committee, On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help we support SB2349. This bill is an important part in our state's health care transformation. Scott Wall VP/Legislative Advocate Community Alliance for Mental Health

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HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

SB2349 RELATING TO HEALTH

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH: Senator Josh Green, Chair; Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair

- Wednesday, January 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- Conference Room 229

HSAC Supports SB2349:

Good Morning Chair Green; Vice Chair Baker; And Distinguished Committee Members. My name is Alan Johnson, Chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, an organization of more than twenty treatment and prevention agencies across the State.

The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition fully supports funding for a pilot project to treat chronic, substance-dependent adults who are high-end users of expensive emergency and hospital services and cost a disproportionate amount in terms of elevated medical expenses, homelessness and arrest levels.

The purpose of SB2349 is to break the detrimental and recurrent cycle of overutilization of costly emergency and medical services by providing pilot project funding for intensive treatment and integrated case management of chronic super-users with substance abuse dependencies.

Super users of care are the 3.6% of the population that cost 49% of all healthcare costs, 5% cost 55%, 15% cost 65% and 20% cost 80% of all costs. Not investing more extensive care that would prevent worsening conditions results in huge costs to our delivery of care systems. Helping such individuals get the care they need will result in improvements in health and reduction in costs rather than not getting care until they are at crisis situations and then need very expensive emergent care.

Of those conditions most expensive, most of these patients are managing their illnesses by abusing alcohol or substances. Substance abuse treatment has been demonstrated to be cost effective as research has shown that community-based drug treatment programs can save at least \$10 in reduced health care costs for every \$1 spent on treatment. Provision of timely, intensive community-based treatment for the super-user population can minimize overutilization of expensive emergency and medical services, thereby saving millions of dollars.

This bill will establish new processes and procedures to identify and coordinate care for high end users of care that have multiple chronic conditions of health issues. An evaluation will be performed to determine how we can effectively coordinate care, treat multiple conditions, and improve the effectiveness of treatment outcomes. The pilot project described herein can validate the cost effectiveness of providing treatment for the super-user population and provide justification for continued funding.

Other major considerations are:

- Cutbacks in funding for community health services in recent years have resulted in a dramatic increase in the State's super user population, with related increases in the cost of emergency services and inpatient care, homelessness, and crime.
- It is estimated that less than fifteen percent of consumers account for more than sixty-five percent of all medical costs, in large part due to preventable and/or inappropriate utilization of emergency and inpatient care.
- Substance abuse is a leading cause of preventable hospitalization.
- Substance abuse is a primary cause of homelessness.
- Substance abuse treatment facilitates timely treatment of primary care problems to prevent chronic disease progression.
- Substance abuse treatment saves both money and lives.
- Substance abuse treatment reduces homelessness and crime.
- Hawaii's substance abuse treatment providers utilize evidence-based practices and have measurable outcomes based on improved client status in key areas such as reduced substance use and arrests, employment, stable housing, reduced utilization of emergency room and hospitalization, and support group.

Passage of Senate Bill 2349 will help to minimize the cost of preventable and/or inappropriate utilization of emergency and inpatient care, as well as reduce homelessness and arrest rates.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify and are available for questions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynda Hirakami	E Malama Kakou Family Practice	Support	No

Comments: Comments: Aloha Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2349, which would fund a pilot program for treatment services to chronically addicted adults. As a primary care provider treating patients with substance dependence, I have witnessed first hand the need for increased services to this population of chronically addicted adults. Hawaii does not have adequate residential treatment beds for this population which is a requirement for successful treatment. Most of the existing beds are occupied by court referrals and many, if not most, of these people are not ready to get clean. When I have a patient who really wants to stop using and get clean, they cannot because there are no beds available and they are unable to stop using while living in the community that supplies their illicit substances. Meanwhile they continue to use and their lives spiral downwards, resulting in an increase in ER visits, committing crimes and being incarcerated, or death from overdose, exposure or murder. Let's stop throwing pennies at our problems and make a serious effort to fix this problem. Please include residential treatment beds in this pilot program and substantially increase funding to make a significant difference. Again, mahalo for this opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2349, and mahalo for all you do to protect and support the citizens of this great state.

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Wailua Brandman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Comments: Aloha Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2349, which would fund a pilot program to treatment services to chronically addicted adults. As a provider of mental health in a community based case management facility as well as a private practice treating recovering addicts and convicted sex offenders on probation, I have witnessed first hand the need for increased services to this population of chronically addicted adults. Hawaii does not have adequate residential treatment beds for this population which is a requirement for successful treatment. Most of the existing beds are occupied by court referrals and many, if not most, of these people are not ready to get clean. When I have a patient who really wants to stop using and get clean, they cannot because there are no beds available and they are unable to stop using while living in the community that supplies their illicit substances. Meanwhile they continue to use and their lives spiral downwards, resulting in an increase in ER visits, committing crimes and being incarcerated, or death from overdose, exposure or murder. Let's stop throwing pennies at our problems and make a serious effort to fix this problem. Please include residential treatment beds in this pilot program and let's beef up the funding to really make a difference. Again, mahalo for this opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 2349, and mahalo for all you do to protect and support the citizens of this great state. Wailua Brandman APRN FAANP

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