
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL WORKER
V SUPERVISOR POSITION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Kauai drug court began operations in August
2 of 2003 as a collaborative effort of the primary criminal
3 justice entities on Kauai - the judiciary, the public defender,
4 the prosecutor of the county of Kauai, and the Kauai police
5 department - and numerous other agencies and programs to
6 incorporate best practices to assist clients in achieving
7 cognitive restructuring in terms of the methods used to abuse
8 illicit substances. Through the Kauai drug court, clients are
9 provided treatment, counseling, and intensive supervision.
10 Since its inception, the Kauai drug court has graduated one
11 hundred fifty-five clients, most of whom have housing and are
12 gainfully employed or attending school to further their
13 education.

14 The success of the Kauai drug court has resulted in
15 considerable cost savings to the department of public safety.
16 In 2014, twelve individuals graduated from the Kauai drug court,



1 saving the department of public safety approximately \$600,000 in
2 annual costs to house these inmates at the Kauai community
3 correctional center.

4 However, while the Kauai drug court was initially
5 established to deal with a maximum number of sixty-five clients,
6 the number of clients needing services who would benefit from
7 the drug court program has increased dramatically, and it is
8 expected that this number will increase in the foreseeable
9 future. The establishment of a social worker V position within
10 the Kauai drug court would allow for additional clients who need
11 services to be assisted by the program.

12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
13 establish a full-time, permanent social worker V position in the
14 Kauai drug court program of the judiciary.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$88,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
19 2016-2017 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent
20 (1.00 FTE) permanent social worker V position to assist with






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1 case load work and management of daily operations of the Kauai
2 drug court.

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Drug Court; Fifth Circuit; Judiciary; Social Worker V;
Appropriation

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