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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a nationwide drug
2 epidemic exists related to prescription pain relieving drugs
3 that are causing alarming rates of addiction, overdose, and
4 death. According to the Centers for Disease Control, drug
5 overdose deaths in Hawaii increased by eighty-three per cent
6 from 2006 to 2014, a growth rate more than double the national
7 average of thirty-seven per cent.

8 While overdoses of prescription opioids and heroin account
9 for the majority of drug deaths, such overdoses can be reversed
10 and death prevented by timely administration of naloxone which
11 is an opioid antagonist. In Utah, there is an administrative
12 standing order intended to increase access to naloxone for those
13 who might be at risk of an overdose or who might be in a
14 position to assist somebody at risk of an overdose.
15 Specifically, licensed pharmacists in Utah are authorized to
16 dispense naloxone without a prescription.



1 The legislature further finds that data from the past
2 twenty years show that prevention has succeeded in substantially
3 reducing the incidence and prevalence of illicit drug use.
4 Successful substance abuse prevention also leads to reductions
5 in traffic fatalities, violence, unwanted pregnancy, child
6 abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, injuries,
7 cancer, heart disease, and lost productivity.

8 The legislature additionally finds that the department of
9 health provides treatment for drug abuse, including a broad
10 range of services, including identification, intervention,
11 assessment, diagnosis, counseling, medical services, psychiatric
12 services, psychological services, social services, and follow-up
13 for persons with substance abuse problems. The overall goal of
14 treatment is to reduce or eliminate the use of alcohol and/or
15 drugs as a contributing factor to physical, psychological, and
16 social dysfunction and to arrest, retard, or reverse the
17 progress of any associated problems.

18 The department of health's alcohol and drug abuse division
19 is the primary and often sole source of public funds for
20 substance abuse treatment in the State, and it seeks to promote
21 a statewide, culturally appropriate, and comprehensive system of



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1 services to meet the treatment and recovery needs of individuals
2 and families.

3 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to the
4 department of health for substance abuse prevention and
5 treatment services, including reimbursement to pharmacies that
6 dispense naloxone.

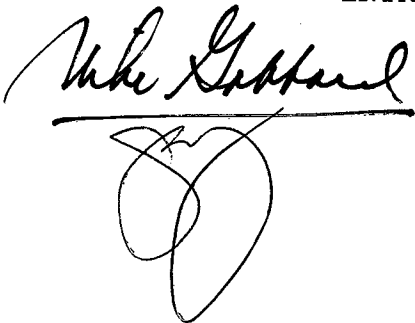
7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for
10 substance abuse prevention and treatment services, including but
11 not limited to reimbursement to pharmacies that dispense
12 naloxone.


13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 health for the purposes of this Act.


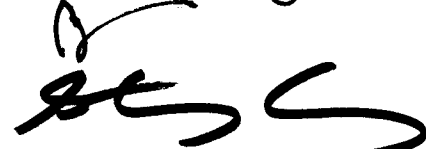
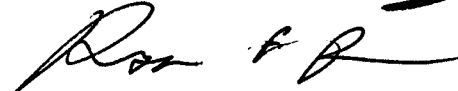
15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Department of Health; Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of health for substance abuse prevention and treatment services including reimbursement to pharmacies that dispense naxolone.

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