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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO PLACE AN EMPHASIS ON STATEWIDE
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, drug and alcohol abuse is a public health issue;
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4 WHEREAS, drug and alcohol abuse issues intersect with many
5 other issues in the community including homelessness, violence
6 in the home, incarceration, property crime, foster care,
7 judiciary costs, health care, employment, and after-school
8 programs; and
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10 WHEREAS, a report published in 2015 by the Substance Abuse
11 and Mental Health Services Administration revealed that in
12 Hawaii, about seventy-eight thousand individuals aged twelve
13 years or older per year in 2013 to 2014 were dependent on or
14 abused alcohol during the year prior to being surveyed, and
15 about twenty-six thousand individuals aged twelve years or older
16 per year in 2013 to 2014 were dependent on or abused illicit
17 drugs in the year prior to being surveyed; and
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19 WHEREAS, according to the same report, among individuals
20 aged twelve years or older with alcohol dependence or abuse,
21 about 7.5 percent per year from 2010 to 2014 received treatment
22 for their alcohol use, 92.5 percent did not; and
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24 WHEREAS, the same report also revealed that, among
25 individuals aged twelve or older with illicit drug dependence or
26 abuse, about 14.4 percent per year from 2010 to 2014 received
27 treatment for their illicit drug use, 85.6 percent did not; and
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29 WHEREAS, according to a later report published in 2017 by
30 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,
31 as of a single-day count in 2015 in Hawaii, 5,768 individuals
32 were enrolled in substance use treatment, an increase from 4,464
33 individuals in 2011; and



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 2 WHEREAS, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) of the
 3 Department of Health reported that state and federal funds
 4 expended for ADAD funded treatment services decreased from about
 5 \$18,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 to about \$16,000,000 in fiscal
 6 year 2017 and about half of the total funds were spent on
 7 services for Native Hawaiians; and

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 9 WHEREAS, in 2012 and years prior, many drug and alcohol
 10 treatment centers in Hawaii closed due to funding cutbacks,
 11 leaving a significant number of people unable to receive
 12 affordable drug and alcohol treatment; and

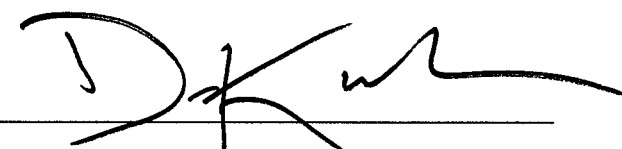
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 14 WHEREAS, extensive studies have shown that drug and alcohol
 15 treatment saves \$4 in health care costs for every \$1 spent for
 16 treatment; now, therefore,

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 18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
 19 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
 20 Representatives concurring, that the State is urged to place an
 21 emphasis on statewide drug and alcohol treatment programs; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
 25 of Health, and Director of Human Services.

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