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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO RESTORE FUNDING TO  
CERTAIN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
PROVIDE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL, OUTPATIENT, AND ADULT AND  
ADOLESCENT SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS IN FISCAL YEARS 2022-2023  
AND 2023-2024.

1           WHEREAS, all citizens possess the basic human right to the  
2 preservation of personal dignity; and  
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4           WHEREAS, all citizens deserve the investment of every  
5 possible resource to ensure lasting physical, mental, and  
6 emotional well-being; and  
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8           WHEREAS, every child deserves to live a good life; to have  
9 a healthy body, a clear mind, loving family and friends; and the  
10 freedom to make the choices that are best for themselves --  
11 choices that open doors to new passions, opportunities, and a  
12 bright future; and  
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14           WHEREAS, teenagers' brains and bodies are still growing  
15 while learning how to make smart choices, control impulses, and  
16 live a respectful life, which can be short circuited by drugs  
17 and alcohol; and  
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19           WHEREAS, chronic and severe substance use disorders (SUDs)  
20 lead to liver damage, liver failure, seizures, stroke, mental  
21 confusion, lung disease, and cardiological problems, in addition  
22 to problems with memory, attention, and decision-making, thus  
23 making daily living difficult; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the most serious SUD is addiction, which can cause  
26 an afflicted person to engage in heavy drug use that, in turn,  
27 causes low mental health function; and  
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29           WHEREAS, due to this impairment of brain function, an  
30 afflicted person is driven to the uncontrollable use of the



1 addictive substance, despite its harmful impacts, including the  
2 substantial impairment of day-to-day life; and

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4 WHEREAS, often, a person afflicted with addiction cannot  
5 stop heavy drug use even if they want and try to. Changes in  
6 brain structure may cause intense cravings; changes in  
7 personality; abnormal behaviors that affect judgment,  
8 decision-making, learning, memory, and behavioral control, which  
9 can last a long time and, if left untreated, becomes one of the  
10 leading causes of preventable illnesses and premature death; and

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12 WHEREAS, severe SUDs experienced by pregnant women can  
13 impact the development of their infants and can lead to both  
14 pre- and postnatal complications, be a detriment to both the  
15 mother and child's physical and mental well-being, and places  
16 the child at risk for future substance use; and

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18 WHEREAS, SUDs are complex but treatable diseases that  
19 affect brain function and behavior; and

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21 WHEREAS, no single treatment is right for every person  
22 suffering from addiction, and those with the most severe  
23 conditions need to have quick access to appropriate treatment  
24 when the opportunity arises or when motivation is present; and

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26 WHEREAS, patients or clients can live a drug-free, crime-  
27 free lifestyle after treatment; and

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29 WHEREAS, studies indicate that residential treatment  
30 programs are most effective for patients suffering from chronic  
31 and severe SUDs and that there are very rare alternative  
32 interventions that could meet this special population's needs;  
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35 WHEREAS, studies from the American Society of Addiction  
36 Medicine have determined that a chronic SUD diagnosis needs  
37 abstinent-based residential treatment for a minimum of thirty to  
38 ninety days; and

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40 WHEREAS, pregnant and parenting women who suffer from SUDs  
41 have complex needs such as addressing co-occurring mental health  
42 disorders and managing medical conditions, such as high risk



1 pregnancy and relationship building, particularly with regards  
2 to parenting, that are best addressed within residential and  
3 outpatient treatment, including therapeutic housing; and  
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5 WHEREAS, SUD treatment programs are becoming more advanced  
6 in treating people with co-occurring mental health disorders by  
7 helping people with symptom management training and providing  
8 medications (psychopharmacology), while also addressing co-  
9 morbidity health illnesses; and  
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11 WHEREAS, in school-based environments, teachers play a key  
12 role as part of the intervention process, as well as mentoring  
13 during and after treatment, thereby helping to sustain positive  
14 outcomes; and  
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16 WHEREAS, substance abuse treatment programs in schools can  
17 offer the expertise for providing special interventions for  
18 youths, strengthening families, and empowering communities; and  
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20 WHEREAS, through nationally recognized therapeutic  
21 practices, treatment can also help students make positive  
22 changes in their lives to address other health problems;  
23 injuries from accidents, suicide, and family problems;  
24 relationship issues; problems in schools; and even legal issues;  
25 and  
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27 WHEREAS, the loss of funding to and resulting shortened  
28 treatment times and lowered rates for adult treatment and  
29 school-based adolescent services to Hina Mauka (The Alcoholic  
30 Rehabilitation Services of Hawaii); The Salvation Army Addiction  
31 Treatment Services; The Salvation Army Family Treatment  
32 Services; Po'ailani, Inc.; and Aloha House, Malama Family  
33 Recovery Center, and Maui Youth & Family Services has caused  
34 five hundred fifty adults to lose access to needed services, the  
35 loss of school-based services to two hundred students per year,  
36 and a fifty percent decrease in bed spaces available for  
37 pregnant and parenting women to receive gender responsive  
38 residential SUD treatment that they could engage in with their  
39 infants or young children; and  
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1 WHEREAS, these services are much needed and funding was  
2 lost despite their excellent performance and outcomes; now,  
3 therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
7 that the Department of Health is requested to restore funding to  
8 certain substance use disorder treatment organizations that  
9 provide services for residential, outpatient, and adult and  
10 adolescent school-based programs in fiscal years 2022-2023 and  
11 2023-2024; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
14 requested to restore funding for:  
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- 16 (1) Adult and adolescent school-based services treatment  
17 services offered by Hina Mauka (The Alcoholic  
18 Rehabilitation Services of Hawaii);  
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- 20 (2) Adult services offered by The Salvation Army Addiction  
21 Treatment Services;  
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- 23 (3) Adult and children services provided by The Salvation  
24 Army Family Treatment Services;  
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- 26 (4) Subsidization of reduced rates for services provided  
27 by Po'ailani, Inc. and the above-mentioned agencies;  
28 and  
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- 30 (5) School-based services provided by Aloha House, Malama  
31 Family Recovery Center, and Maui Youth & Family  
32 Services; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
35 urged to develop a statewide plan to identify, coordinate, and  
36 develop protocols for various forms of treatment, including both  
37 evidenced-based practices and harm reduction practices that  
38 would comprehensively help individuals and their families  
39 receive timely access to appropriate and adequate treatment for  
40 substance use disorders, including addiction as well as co-  
41 occurring mental health disorders; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of  
3 Health.

