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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROGRAMS FOR HIGH RISK YOUTH.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that youth violence is a  
2 growing concern in the State, particularly violence and juvenile  
3 delinquency associated with gang membership. In addition,  
4 homicide, suicide, aggravated assaults, and traffic accidents  
5 due to underage alcohol consumption by youth represent large  
6 costs for the State.

7           In 2010, overall youth violence cost the State over  
8 \$109,000,000, with \$28,000,000 in costs resulting from youth  
9 property crime alone. In 2013, the average cost to incarcerate  
10 a youth at the Hawaii youth correctional facility was over  
11 \$199,000. Unfortunately, three-quarters of all youth leaving  
12 the facility in 2005-2007 were re-adjudicated as delinquents or  
13 convicted as adults within three years.

14           Consequently, the legislature finds that a multi-pronged  
15 approach should be taken with programs that have the expertise  
16 and experience to reach out and establish relationships and help  
17 promote education, self-esteem, individual growth and



1 development, leadership, and responsibility. The legislature  
2 further finds that this approach should incorporate both a  
3 school-centered program and a neighborhood-centered program.

4 The purpose of this Act is to help reduce youth violence  
5 and delinquency in the State by appropriating funds to the  
6 department of human services for the operational costs of an  
7 organization providing prevention, intervention, and group and  
8 individual counseling for high risk youth.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
12 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
13 year 2018-2019 for the operational costs of an organization  
14 providing prevention, intervention, and group and individual  
15 counseling for high risk youth.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
17 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Youth; Prevention, Intervention, and Group and Individual  
Counseling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for the operational costs of an organization providing prevention, intervention, and group and individual counseling for high risk youth. Takes effect 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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