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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The alcohol and drug abuse division (division)
2 of the department of health is the primary and often sole source
3 of public funds for substance abuse treatment in the State.
4 Substance abuse treatment funds are comprised of state general
5 funds and federal block grant moneys. In 2014, the division
6 provided funds to twenty-four agencies that offered services to
7 adults at fifty-two sites and ten agencies that provided
8 services to adolescents at one hundred seven sites statewide.

9 The division's treatment efforts are designed to promote a
10 statewide culturally appropriate and comprehensive system of
11 services to meet the treatment and recovery needs of individuals
12 and families. Treatment services fall along a continuum of
13 cares that includes residential treatment programs, intensive
14 outpatient treatment programs, outpatient treatment programs,
15 therapeutic living programs, residential social detoxification
16 programs, and methadone maintenance outpatient programs.



1 The division's target population includes adults or
2 adolescents who meet certain criteria for substance abuse or
3 dependence, do not exceed a specific income level, and have no
4 other form of insurance coverage for substance abuse treatment.
5 Priority admissions are given to pregnant and parenting women
6 with children and injection drug users.

7 According to the Department of Health's *Alcohol and Drug*
8 *Treatment Services: Hawaii, 5-Year Trends (2010-2014)* report in
9 2014, a total of 3,929 clients were served and a total of 5,109
10 cases were discharged from treatment or transferred to a
11 different program. Among the 3,754 discharged cases, forty-
12 three per cent completed treatment with no drug use, eighteen
13 per cent completed treatment with some drug use, twenty-five per
14 cent left the facility before completing treatment, and the
15 remainder were discharged for other reasons.

16 A six-month follow up in 2014 indicated that almost all
17 adolescents were attending school and sixty-nine per cent of
18 adults were employed. The majority of adolescents and adults
19 reported not using any substances in the past thirty days prior
20 to the six-month follow-up. The vast majority of adolescents



1 and adults continued to have no arrests, hospitalizations, and
2 emergency room visits since discharge.

3 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to the
4 department of health's alcohol and drug abuse division to allow
5 the division to continue to provide and support substance abuse
6 treatment in the State.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$50,000,000 or so
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
10 the department of health's alcohol and drug abuse division to
11 provide and support substance abuse treatment services in the
12 State.

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, 2016.

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Report Title:

Substance Abuse Treatment; Department of Health; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of health for substance abuse treatment services.

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