



GOV. MSG. NO 938

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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GOVERNOR

June 14, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 14, 2007, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1614 HD2 SD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRUGS.
(ACT 180)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Aiona, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

JAMES R. AIONA, JR.
Acting Governor

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 14 2007

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 180
H.B. NO. 1614
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRUGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, since the formation
2 of the drug nuisance abatement unit of the department of the
3 attorney general in July 2003, the unit has performed well in
4 abating drug nuisances by directly and informally working with
5 the owners of buildings to remove drug dealers and by filing
6 civil lawsuits that seek to prohibit drug dealers from remaining
7 in drug houses. Of the one thousand one hundred ninety-two
8 complaints received by the department of the attorney general
9 from the community about illegal drug activities and drug houses
10 since 2003, six hundred forty-five cases have been closed due to
11 the efforts of the unit. Among the accomplishments of the unit
12 are:

- 13 (1) Improving coordination with other law enforcement
14 agencies;
- 15 (2) Decreasing the backlog of complaints;
- 16 (3) Increasing the number of drug nuisance abatements; and
- 17 (4) Raising community awareness of the drug nuisance
18 abatement process.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to continue
2 the enforcement and prosecution of drug nuisance abatement laws.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 to fund
6 1.5 investigator positions and 1.0 clerk typist position for
7 salaries and other costs for these positions in the drug
8 nuisance abatement unit of the department of attorney general.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the drug nuisance
10 abatement unit of the department of the attorney general for the
11 purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

APPROVED this 14 day of JUN , 2007



JAMES R. AIONA JR.

ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

