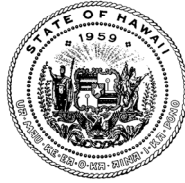


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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB882
RELATING TO ADDICTION RECOVERY CARE**

REP. DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HOMELESSNESSES

Hearing Date: February 10, 2023

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department estimates that \$600,000 is needed to issue a contract for
2 services to support the Working Group.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) offers the following comments on
4 the establishment of the Addiction Recovery Care Working Group (Working Group) to be
5 chaired by the DOH Director and attached to the DOH for administrative purposes.

6 DOH supports the intent of this measure provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace
7 priorities within our Biennium Budget Request.

8 HB882 speaks of a “certification program,” however it is not clear who is the entity that certifies
9 the county resources, policies and practices.

10 The current measure does not appropriate funds to support the Working Group and request that
11 appropriation language be added.

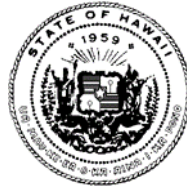
12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

13 **Offered Amendments:** Proposed new section:

14 SECTION . There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the

1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
2 2024-2025 for the operation of the addiction recovery care
3 working group to assist the counties in becoming recovery-ready,
4 and to prepare a report of its findings and recommendations to
5 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
6 of the regular session of 2025.

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TO: The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health & Homelessness

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: [HB 882](#) - RELATING TO ADDICTION RECOVERY CARE.

Hearing: February 10, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329 & Videoconferencing, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of the measure and defers to the Department of Health on implementation.

PURPOSE: This measure establishes the addiction recovery care working group to help the counties become recovery-ready.

DHS appreciates the Legislature's interest in strengthening the counties' ability to support residents in addiction recovery. DHS will participate as a member of the task force.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 882
RELATING TO ADDICTION RECOVERY CARE

By
Tommy Johnson, Director

House Committee on Health & Homelessness
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

Friday, February 10, 2023; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329 and Via Video Conference

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports House Bill (HB) 882 which seeks to establish an addiction recovery care working group within the Department of Health (DOH) to assist counties in becoming recovery-ready by addressing and treating substance abuse disorders through the availability of countywide recovery programs involving addiction prevention, treatment, and long-term recovery, ranging from crisis prevention to career building.

PSD will soon be redesignated to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and will provide a representative to serve on this working group led by DOH.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony in support of HB 882.



HB882 Recovery Work Group

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Rep. Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

Friday, Feb 10, 2023: 10:00: Room 329 Videoconference

Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition Strongly Support HB882

ALOHA CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization for substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health disorder treatment and prevention agencies and recovery services.

Addiction Recovery Work Group is an outstanding idea.

Our community needs a comprehensive strategy given all the new as well as proven recovery services:

- **How does government and providers work together across departments and agency types of services.**
- **The gold standard for treatment such as residential and outpatient,**
- **Case Management,**
- **Harm reduction methods,**
- **Outreach,**
- **Wrap around services,**
- **Crisis beds,**
- **New and old medications,**
- **The role of primary care to help with a chronic disease model,**
- **Population groups such as complex SUD patients with mental health as well as physical health conditions, offender reentry, homeless, those with mental illness and substance abuse, kids needing treatment, suicidal ideation,**
- **What are we going to do with anxiety and depression, PTSD and trauma,**
- **Integrate with housing and vocational counseling,**
- **Marijuana's role – what can it do, what can't it do,**
- **What about abstinence vs the pursuit of abstinence – moving to functionality measurements**

- **What is controlled use vs functionality,**
- **and the list goes on and on.**

We have the most amazing services being develop as well as evidenced based practices.

We need a strategy for what is best for what situation and how do we work together with other services. And how to be cost-effective yet how much is needed to achieve lasting results.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for questions.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 7:12:11 PM

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| Tara | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

we know what needs to be done. why make another group to say the same exact same recommendation we all know. ..increase housing, harm reduction and MAT, treatment on demand, stabilization beds.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:46:17 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/10/2023 10:00:00 AM

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| Dara Yatsushiro | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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