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A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that adolescent substance 2 abuse continues to be a significant problem affecting the youth 3 of Hawaii. Student leaders at the 2005 Secondary Student 4 Conference passed a resolution advocating for an effective drug 5 and alcohol awareness program in public secondary schools statewide. According to researchers at the University of 6 7 Hawaii, "Student substance abuse is related to a number of negative outcomes at school including academic difficulties, 8 9 lack of motivation, and interpersonal violence." In its 2003 Hawaii Student Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug 10 11 Use Study, the department of health estimated that seven per cent or over sixty-five hundred public school students in grades 12 six through twelve need treatment for substance abuse. 13 14 study recommended strengthening substance abuse prevention in schools and noted that a comprehensive substance abuse 15

prevention program must begin no later than the fourth grade and

should continue through high school. The Drug Abuse Resistance

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- Education (DARE) program is the predominant drug prevention 1
- program in Hawaii's public schools. However, DARE traditionally 2
- 3 focuses on younger students and is not taught to older secondary
- 4 school students.
- The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to 5
- establish a statewide substance abuse prevention and education 6
- 7 program in public secondary schools.
- 8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so 9
- much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for 10
- 11 the department of health, in coordination with the department of
- education, to establish a statewide substance abuse prevention 12
- 13 and education program in public secondary schools.
- 14 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
- department of health for the purposes of this Act. 15
- 16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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INTRODUCED BY: Mranne Chun Galland

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Report Title:

Appropriation; Substance Abuse Prevention and Education

Description:

Appropriates funds for DOH, in coordination with DOE, to establish a substance abuse prevention and education program in public secondary schools.