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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COVERAGE OF CERTIFIED SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE COUNSELORS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a severe  
2 shortage of substance abuse counseling resources and behavioral  
3 health services in the Waianae area. Unfortunately, this  
4 shortage of services is in an area of the State where health  
5 services are badly needed, as Waianae has a large population of  
6 homeless and uninsured that are in need of substance abuse and  
7 behavioral health treatment. The purpose of this Act is to  
8 appropriate funds for a pilot program, to be administered  
9 through the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, that will  
10 provide substance abuse counseling and behavioral health  
11 services to that area's homeless and uninsured population.

12           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           , or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for a  
15 pilot program to include coverage of certified substance abuse  
16 counselors for providing behavior health services through the



1 comprehensive primary care services contract with Waianae Coast  
2 Comprehensive Health Center.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the family health  
4 services division of the department of health for the purposes  
5 of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Signature]*

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**Report Title:**

Appropriations; Certified Substance Abuse Counselors

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for a pilot program to include coverage of certified substance abuse counselors to provide behavior health services through the comprehensive primary care services contract with Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.

