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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 done a good job of  
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 1,192 complaints received by the  
8 department of the attorney general from the community about  
9 illegal drug activities and drug houses since 1993, six hundred  
10 forty-five cases have been closed due to the efforts of the  
11 unit. Among the accomplishments of the unit are: improving  
12 coordination with other law enforcement agencies, decreasing the  
13 backlog of complaints, increasing the number of drug nuisance  
14 abatements, and raising community awareness of the drug nuisance  
15 abatement process.

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



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so much  
 3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
 4 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 5 2008-2009, for the enforcement and prosecution of drug nuisance  
 6 abatement laws.

7 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
 8 of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

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

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**Report Title:**

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**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the department of the attorney general to support the activities of the drug nuisance abatement unit.

