A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL WORKER V SUPERVISOR POSITION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Kauai drug court began operations in August
- 2 of 2003 as a collaborative effort of the primary criminal
- 3 justice entities on Kauai the judiciary, the public defender,
- 4 the prosecutor of the county of Kauai, and the Kauai police
- 5 department and numerous other agencies and programs to
- 6 incorporate best practices to assist clients in achieving
- 7 cognitive restructuring in terms of the methods used to abuse
- 8 illicit substances. Through the Kauai drug court, clients are
- 9 provided treatment, counseling, and intensive supervision.
- 10 Since its inception, the Kauai drug court has graduated one
- 11 hundred fifty-five clients, most of whom have housing and are
- 12 gainfully employed or attending school to further their
- 13 education.
- 14 The success of the Kauai drug court has resulted in
- 15 considerable cost savings to the department of public safety.
- 16 In 2014, twelve individuals graduated from the Kauai drug court,

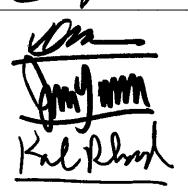
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- 1 saving the department of public safety approximately \$600,000 in
- 2 annual costs to house these inmates at the Kauai community
- 3 correctional center.
- 4 However, while the Kauai drug court was initially
- 5 established to deal with a maximum number of sixty-five clients,
- 6 the number of clients needing services who would benefit from
- 7 the drug court program has increased dramatically, and it is
- 8 expected that this number will increase in the foreseeable
- 9 future. The establishment of a social worker V position within
- 10 the Kauai drug court would allow for additional clients who need
- 11 services to be assisted by the program.
- 12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to
- 13 establish a full-time, permanent social worker V position in the
- 14 Kauai drug court program of the judiciary.
- 15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$88,000 or so much
- 17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
- 18 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 19 2016-2017 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent
- 20 (1.00 FTE) permanent social worker V position to assist with

- 1 case load work and management of daily operations of the Kauai
- 2 drug court.
- 3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary
- 4 for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Drug Court; Fifth Circuit; Judiciary; Social Worker V; Appropriation

Description:

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