
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROGRAMS FOR HIGH RISK YOUTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that youth violence is a
2 growing concern in the State, particularly violence and juvenile
3 delinquency associated with gang membership. In addition,
4 homicide, suicide, aggravated assaults, and traffic accidents
5 due to underage alcohol consumption by youth represent large
6 costs for the State.

7 In 2010, overall youth violence cost the State over
8 \$109,000,000, with \$28,000,000 in costs resulting from youth
9 property crime alone. In 2013, the average cost to incarcerate
10 a youth at the Hawaii youth correctional facility was over
11 \$199,000. Unfortunately, three-quarters of all youth leaving
12 the facility in 2005-2007 were re-adjudicated as delinquents or
13 convicted as adults within three years.

14 Consequently, the legislature finds that a multi-pronged
15 approach should be taken with programs that have the expertise
16 and experience to reach out and establish relationships and help
17 promote education, self-esteem, individual growth and



1 development, leadership, and responsibility. The legislature
2 further finds that this approach should incorporate both a
3 school-centered program and a neighborhood-centered program.

4 The purpose of this Act is to help reduce youth violence
5 and delinquency in the State by appropriating funds to the
6 department of human services for the operational costs of an
7 organization providing therapeutic prevention and mental health
8 programs for high risk youth.

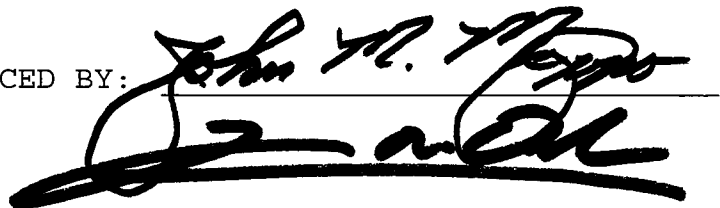
9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
12 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 2018-2019 for the operational costs of an organization to
14 provide therapeutic prevention and mental health programs for
15 high risk youth.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Youth; Therapeutic Prevention and Mental Health Programs;
Appropriation

Description:

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