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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The weed and seed strategy is a United States  
2 Department of Justice initiative that is administered locally by  
3 the United States Attorney's Office.

4           The weed and seed strategy is a collaborative effort among  
5 federal, state, and county level law enforcement agencies,  
6 social service agencies, private businesses, nonprofit  
7 organizations, and residents to reclaim, restore, and rebuild  
8 communities. The four key elements of the weed and seed  
9 strategy are:

- 10           (1) Law enforcement;  
11           (2) Community policing;  
12           (3) Prevention, intervention, and treatment programs; and  
13           (4) Neighborhood restoration.

14           The weed and seed strategy uses local law enforcement to  
15 prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang  
16 activity in targeted neighborhoods by "weeding" out the criminal  
17 element in the community. Community policing involves having



1 police officers work closely with community residents to develop  
 2 solutions to violent and drug-related crimes. The next step is  
 3 to "seed" the community with human services that include  
 4 prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood  
 5 revitalization.

6 The legislature finds that the weed and seed strategy has  
 7 been successful since its inception in the Kalihi-Palama and  
 8 Chinatown areas of downtown Honolulu as well as in Waipahu and  
 9 Ewa/Ewa Beach. The legislature also finds that, since the  
 10 beginning of the program, crime in those areas has been  
 11 significantly reduced.

12 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to  
 13 maintain the weed and seed strategy in those communities in  
 14 which the strategy is currently being implemented.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
 16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
 17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to  
 18 maintain the weed and seed strategy.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 20 the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.



**1** SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

Grant; Weed and Seed Strategy; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for grants to maintain the weed and seed strategy, which is a collaborative effort to reclaim, restore, and rebuild communities. (HB2051 HD1)

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