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

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

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

15 The legislature additionally finds that the weed and seed
16 strategy uses local law enforcement to prevent, control, and
17 reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in targeted



1 neighborhoods by "weeding" out the criminal element in the
2 community. Community policing involves having police officers
3 work closely with community residents to develop solutions to
4 violent and drug-related crimes. The next step is to "seed" the
5 community with human services that include prevention,
6 intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization.

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

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

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

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



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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