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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 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 weed and seed strategy is a collaborative effort among  
6 federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies, social  
7 service agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations,  
8 and residents to reclaim, restore, and rebuild communities. The  
9 four key elements of the weed and seed 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 program has  
7 been successful since its inception in the Kalihi-Palama and  
8 Chinatown areas of downtown Honolulu as well as in Waipahu, Ewa,  
9 and Ewa Beach. The legislature also finds that crime in these  
10 areas has been significantly reduced since the inception of the  
11 program.

12 The purpose of this Act is to make an appropriation to  
13 maintain the weed and seed strategy.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2020-2021 for a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised  
19 Statutes, to Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc., to maintain the weed  
20 and seed program.



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

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



**Report Title:**

AG; Weed and Seed Program; Grants; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of the Attorney General as a grant for Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc., to maintain the weed and seed strategy, a collaborative effort to prevent crime and rebuild communities in targeted areas. Effective 7/1/2050.  
(SD1)

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