



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**RESPONSE TO
ACT 259, PART III, SUBSECTION 64
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2001**

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INTRODUCTION

Act 259, Part III, Section 64, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001, provided to the Department of Public Safety funds for substance abuse treatment and job development programs for pretrial, incarcerated, and parolee populations. Section 64 also requested the Department of Public Safety provide a report to the 2003 Legislature on actual expenditures for Fiscal Year 2002 and planned expenditures for Fiscal Year 2003. The purpose of this report is to meet the requirements of Act 259.

Oahu Intake Services Center

The Oahu Intake Services Center (PSD-410) is responsible for pretrial offenders put on community-based supervised release. OISC share of the funds is directed towards social workers conducting substance abuse assessments to determine treatment needs. It was planned to hire two social workers for this position, with funds allocated in the first year to equipment. Unfortunately, OISC has had great difficulty in filling these positions. Hawaii is experiencing a shortage of social workers in general, which is exacerbated in the corrections field. Local colleges and universities do not offer many classes in dealing with the criminal justice client and new graduates tend to look towards more traditional fields in social welfare for employment. Added to this, the Bureau of Prisons was concurrently recruiting for similar positions at a higher pay rate. In an effort to improve the Department of Public Safety's chances, Intake Services Center staff have appeared at job fairs and made recruiting trips locally to actively seek potential employees. This has resulted in one position being filled as of December 16, 2002.

Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Actual Expenditures

The 2001 Legislature imposed a three-month delay in hiring for the two planned positions. During that time, equipment for the anticipated employees was purchased (e.g., chairs, file cabinets, computers, etc.) The positions were established November 20, 2001, and the recruitment process initiated. As stated above, OISC was unsuccessful in filling the posts during FY 2002. Breakdown of the funds is as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Planned Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>Lapse to General Fund</u>
Equipment	\$10,686	\$4,265	\$ 6,421
2 F/T Social Workers	\$53,542	-0-	\$53,542

Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Planned Expenditures

Second year funding is strictly dedicated to maintaining the two social worker positions, therefore all planned funds are for this purpose. As mentioned above, one social worker has been hired as of December 16, 2002.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Planned Expenditures</u>
2 F/T Social Workers	\$70,696

Hawaii Paroling Authority

The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) is responsible for felony offenders who have exited prison and been placed on parole. Allocated \$217,090 through Act 259 for substance abuse treatment and job development, HPA planned to spend the funds on the following services: outpatient substance abuse treatment; intensive outpatient treatment; dual diagnosis substance abuse; transition skills/job development; cognitive skills training; and mental health treatment. Upon further consideration of what the allocated funds could achieve, the original plan was pared down to address outpatient and intensive out patient substance abuse treatment on all Neighbor Islands and pre-employment, job development, and placement services on Kauai and the Big Island.

Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Expenditures

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Planned Expenditures</u>	<u>Encumbered through Contract</u>	<u>Lapse to General Fund</u>
Substance Abuse Treatment	\$170,100	\$170,100	-0-
Job Development	\$46,990	\$46,990	-0-

Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Planned Expenditures

As Fiscal Year 2001-2002 funds are encumbered through contracts, HPA is intending to expand its contracts to enhance the substance abuse continuum of services beyond outpatient and intensive outpatient programs. Requests for Proposals are currently being completed in order to address the continuing in-community services need for Neighbor Island parolees.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Planned Expenditures</u>
Contract Services	\$217,090

Corrections Program Services/Substance Abuse Services

Program service funds allocated for incarcerated persons are the responsibility of the Corrections Program Services Division of the Department of Public Safety. Substance abuse treatment services are offered both in-house and by contract. There has been a dearth of services on the Neighbor Islands and Act 259 offers a chance to expand those.

Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Expenditures

The Salvation Army provides Level II substance abuse treatment services in many correctional facilities, mostly those concentrated on Oahu. Act 259 funds will be used to increase the current Salvation Army contract of \$260,000 to incorporate the Neighbor Island community correctional centers.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Planned Expenditures</u>	<u>Encumbered through Contract</u>	<u>Lapse to General Fund</u>
Substance Abuse Treatment (NI)	\$172,207	\$172,207	-0-

Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Planned Expenditures

The Salvation Army contract substance abuse services is funded through June 30, 2003. Therefore, the Corrections Program Services Office has decided to dedicate Fiscal Year 2002-2203 funds to aftercare (for substance abusers who are maintaining sobriety) and family therapy on the Neighbor Islands. These services provide support to basic substance abuse treatment and contribute to the success of the participants. The Request for Proposals have been developed and will soon be advertised.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Planned Expenditures</u>
Contract Services	\$172,207