
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA, JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, TO SEEK FUNDING FOR A TWO-YEAR PILOT STUDY AT HINA MAUKA TO RESEARCH THE EFFECTS OF NALTREXONE (VIVITROL) ON CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE (ICE) ADDICTION.

1 WHEREAS, crystal methamphetamine, also known as crystal
2 meth or ice, is highly addictive; and

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4 WHEREAS, crystal methamphetamine use occurs in all age
5 groups and cuts across the socioeconomic spectrum; and

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7 WHEREAS, crystal methamphetamine is known to cause
8 irreversible brain damage and can lead to episodes of violent
9 behavior, paranoia, anxiety, confusion, and insomnia; and

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11 WHEREAS, crystal methamphetamine kills by causing heart
12 failure, brain damage, and stroke; and

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14 WHEREAS, crystal methamphetamine addiction can have a
15 devastating impact on family structure; and

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17 WHEREAS, in 2006, there were an estimated 731,000 current
18 users of methamphetamine aged twelve or older in the United
19 States, as reported by the 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and
20 Health; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 2007, over forty-eight per cent of adults in
23 treatment centers in the State identified methamphetamine as
24 their drug of choice, according to the Hawaii Department of
25 Health's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division; and

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27 WHEREAS, the drug's presence in Hawaii has been linked to
28 increased property crime and violent crime; and

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1 WHEREAS, crystal methamphetamine addiction constitutes a
2 public health crisis that currently lacks a clearly effective
3 treatment; and

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5 WHEREAS, naltrexone has been shown to be effective for the
6 treatment of alcohol dependence and holds promise for treating
7 crystal methamphetamine addiction; and

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9 WHEREAS, Vivitrol is an injectable form of naltrexone that
10 provides a month of medication with just one dose; and

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12 WHEREAS, Vivitrol is generally well tolerated, with low
13 discontinuation rates due to adverse effects; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session of 2008, that this body urges the University of Hawaii
18 at Manoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine, to seek financial
19 support from Alkermes or other sources to administer a two-year
20 pilot study examining the treatment effects of Vivitrol on
21 patients with crystal methamphetamine addiction; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that treatment be provided by Hina
24 Mauka, in consultation with the John A. Burns School of
25 Medicine; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the John A. Burns School of
28 Medicine is requested to recommend appropriate dosages of
29 Vivitrol as well as any necessary psychosocial interventions for
30 inclusion in the study; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the John A. Burns School of
33 Medicine and Hina Mauka are requested to report findings and
34 recommendations on the pilot project to the Legislature no later
35 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
36 of 2010; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the University of



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1 Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine, the Director
2 of Health, and to the Chief Executive Officer of Hina Mauka.
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