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**HAWAII STATE DOH SELECTED BY CDC TO RECEIVE
INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUNDING**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health announced today that Hawaii will receive \$120,000 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support injury and violence prevention and control efforts. The funding award will enable Hawaii to strengthen its injury prevention and control programs and activities, and to enhance the state's injury tracking capabilities.

"We are very pleased to receive this award to support injury and violence prevention programs and information gathering capabilities," said Health Director Chiyome Fukino, M.D. "Continuing to build upon our progress, gain new knowledge, and reach out to partners in our community is vital for achieving our goals of making our families and children safer and healthier."

In addition to essential infrastructure development support, the award is intended to help Hawaii strengthen its injury prevention advisory committee with partners from academic, nonprofit, local government, private, and professional organizations dedicated to reducing injury and violence. The funds will also support Hawaii's ability to collect and analyze information about injury and violence from hospital and vital statistics data. Information about traumatic brain injury (TBI), drowning, motor vehicle injury, poisoning, homicide, suicide, and falls will be collected and analyzed to direct future injury prevention plans.

According to the CDC, injury is the leading killer nationwide in all people ages 1 to 44. In Hawaii, 11 residents die from an injury, 160 are hospitalized and nearly 1200 more are treated in emergency departments on a weekly basis. In addition, injuries represent a substantial burden on our healthcare system; they are responsible for more than 10 percent of all medical expenses or \$117 billion annually. In Hawaii, injury-related hospitalizations cost an estimated \$340 million annually.

Information about injury and violence prevention and control data, programs or activities, as well as information about traumatic brain injury in Hawaii can be found at: <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/healthy-lifestyles/injury-prevention/index.html> or on a national level at: www.cdc.gov/injury.

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