



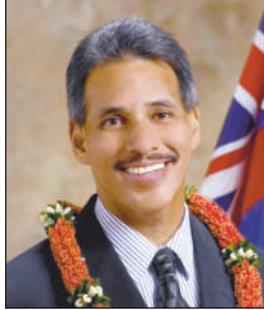
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*Hawai'i Drug Control Plan Report*

CHANGING ATTITUDES, CHANGING LIVES:

*A Life in the Community for Everyone*





*Aloha!*

Among the greatest challenges facing our communities are the ill effects of drug abuse and underage drinking that plague our island home. But with the support of public officials at all levels, private agencies and communities at large, the Lingle-Aiona Administration has significantly raised the level of awareness, committed and directed more resources, and facilitated development and implementation of more programs to address the multitude of issues related to drug abuse and underage drinking.

Guiding our efforts is the *Hawai'i Drug Control Plan*, which provides a clear direction and a coordinated and comprehensive approach. Following the plan's strategy of prevention, treatment and interdiction, the Administration's drug control liaison has worked collaboratively with individuals and groups across the state to address these challenges.

This booklet summarizes the Administration's accomplishments and proposed initiatives since 2003. While many challenges lie ahead, we remain committed to heeding the call from our citizens for a safe and drug-free state.

Aloha Ke Akua,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "James R. Aiona, Jr.". The signature is written in a cursive style. It is positioned over a large, stylized green leaf graphic that occupies the bottom left and center of the page.

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
*Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i*

# INTRODUCTION

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In November 2003, the Lingle-Aiona Administration released the *Hawai'i Drug Control Strategy: A New Beginning*. Since that time, the strategy has evolved into the *Hawai'i Drug Control Plan*, providing the framework for our state to move forward with a comprehensive approach to addressing drug abuse and underage drinking.

The plan's overarching theme is "Changing Attitudes, Changing Lives: A Life in the Community for Everyone." Woven into the theme's fabric are the elements of coordination, effectiveness and dissemination of information. The plan also utilizes a strategy focusing on prevention, treatment and interdiction.

Following is a chronological sequence of meetings and other events that led to recommendations for and implementation of action plans to improve the health and welfare of our people.

**Hawai'i Drug Control Strategy Summit, Fall 2003.** Lt. Governor Aiona hosted the first statewide meeting focusing on illicit drug use and underage drinking. More than 300 participants from the public and private sectors came together to create community-based recommendations for action.

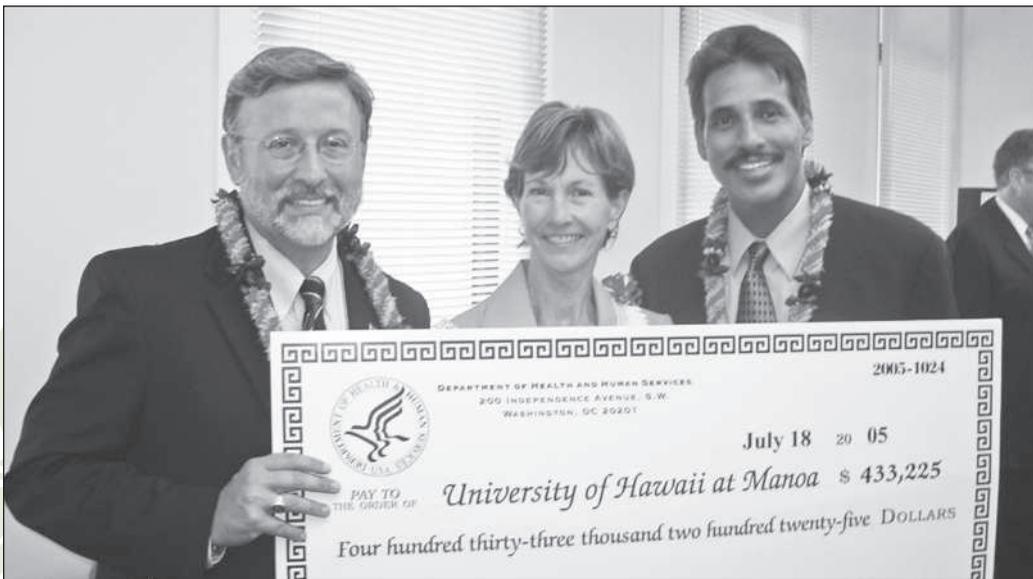
**Fifteen Statewide Community "Talk Story" Meetings, Summer–Fall 2003.** In preparation for the September 2003 Hawai'i Drug Control Strategy Summit, Lt. Governor Aiona held "Talk Story" sessions at 13 locations statewide. After the summit, Lt. Governor Aiona held two additional sessions on Moloka'i and Lana'i. The objective of these community meetings was to incorporate ideas and concerns of residents into the planning process.

**State of Hawai'i Drug Control Liaison Position, Winter 2004.** As recommended by summit participants, the position of drug control liaison was established to facilitate systemic change. The liaison also has the responsibility of providing statewide coordination

of efforts to reduce underage drinking and drug abuse, while ensuring that public resources are utilized in the most efficient and effective ways possible.

**Appointment to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), National Advisory Board, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Summer 2004.** Lt. Governor Aiona was appointed to this prestigious federal advisory board. As a result, the State of Hawai'i, through the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, has direct input regarding national substance abuse and mental health policy issues. The appointment also enhances cooperation among state and federal officials.

**Statewide Action Working Group, Summer 2004.** The Office of the Lieutenant Governor convened this group of more than 90 representatives from prevention, treatment, law enforcement and related community organizations. The group identified action plans and priorities to further the *Hawai'i Drug Control Plan*.



*SAMHSA Administrator Charles Curie and Lt. Governor Aiona present Nancy Stockert, administrator of UH Mānoa University Health Services, with a grant. The grant was used to fund programs on campus to combat underage drinking and substance abuse.*

**Hawai'i Drug Control Action Plan, Winter 2004.** With the release of this statewide plan, Hawai'i established a guiding framework for the coordinated and comprehensive efforts of all stakeholders in the battle against illicit drug use and underage drinking.

**Town Hall Meeting with SAMHSA Administrator Charles Curie, Summer 2005.** About 150 consumers, providers and administrators of mental health services, legislators, mental health advocates and community groups participated in this event. SAMHSA Administrator Charles Curie stated that recovery is more than just addressing the symptoms of mental illness and finding the right medication regime.

**Town Hall Meeting with Director John Walters, Summer 2005.** Lt. Governor Aiona convened a meeting with Director John Walters of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and members of the action plan working group. Director Walters discussed federal policies and actions linked with local initiatives for effective counter-drug efforts.



*Lt. Governor Aiona with Director John Walters of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.*

**Moving Forward Conference, Summer 2005.** With over 200 participants in attendance, this group of prevention, treatment, law enforcement and community specialists met to assess progress to date and further refine action plans and priorities to address illicit drug use and underage drinking.

**Appointment to the Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities, Spring 2006.** Lt. Governor Aiona was appointed by President George W. Bush to this prestigious

advisory commission, which was established to present recommendations to the director of the White House Office of National Drug Policy, John Walters. The commission enables community coalitions to strengthen their coordination and prevention efforts, encourages citizen participation in substance abuse reduction efforts and distributes information about effective programs.

**These efforts resulted in the following accomplishments:**



*Lt. Governor Aiona with representatives from Dads Against Doing Drugs (DADDS), Hawai'i Coalition for Dads, Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawai'i and Suicide Prevention Task Force.*

# PREVENTION

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## *“Our Keiki are Our Future”*

Prevention is our first line of defense against drug abuse and underage drinking. In line with the overarching theme of “Changing Attitudes, Changing Lives: A Life in the Community for Everyone,” the Lingle-Aiona Administration is working diligently to improve the behaviors of youth and adults. Creating lasting change requires a comprehensive approach and strong community partnerships, with an emphasis on preventive efforts that make a difference and can be sustained over time.

The Lingle-Aiona Administration’s prevention efforts have resulted in the following:

**About Face Program, Summer 2003.** About Face, an after-school program serving at-risk youth from 13 to 19 years of age, was launched on Kaua’i and later expanded to Hawai’i, Maui and O’ahu. Administered by the Hawai’i National Guard, this program provides academic, occupational and life skills training through practical work experience. Subject to the availability of funds, About Face will soon be offered in additional areas on the Big Island and in Hana, Maui. Funding for fiscal year 2005 was \$1 million, and funding for fiscal year 2006 is \$2.2 million.

**Resource Guide: The 411 on Drugs and Survival Resources, Fall 2003.** In partnership with numerous community organizations, the Administration created and distributed a resource guide containing information on treatment and prevention agencies that focus on drug, tobacco and alcohol issues. The guide was published in collaboration with Ad Works, Aloha United Way, Bank of Hawai’i, Chevron, Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawai’i, Department of Education (DOE), Department of Health (DOH), Kamehameha Schools, Hawai’i National Guard, PRWorks, Sassy/G Magazine and 7-Eleven.

**Additional Funding for Youth Programs, Summer 2004.** The Administration secured \$1.58 million in federal funds to expand existing youth service center programs designed to delay adolescent sexual activity and enhance family relationships. Since



January 2004, over 1,200 youth and their families at 12 sites across the state have participated in these programs.

**Social Marketing Campaign, Summer–Winter 2004.** The Administration implemented an influential television public awareness and education campaign featuring former “American Idol” singer Jasmine Trias, decathlete Bryan Clay and surfer Bethany Hamilton. These local role models spoke out against illicit drug use and underage drinking.

**Additional Funding For Youth Programs, Fall 2004.** The Administration secured \$2 million in federal funds for programs that help adolescents maintain safe and healthy lifestyles. Programs include: Boys & Girls Club of Hawai‘i (Papakolea, Wai‘anae and Kapa‘a), Paxen Group (Nanakuli, Wai‘anae, Waimea, Wailuku, Kahului and Paho), Breakthroughs for Youth At Risk, Kaua‘i Economic Opportunity, Maui Youth and Family Services, Inc. (Maui and Lana‘i) and Salvation Army Family Intervention Services (Honoka‘a).

**UPLINK Program, Fall 2004.** This after-school program is a result of community concerns expressed at Lt. Governor Aiona’s statewide “Talk Story” meetings in 2003. Funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS) in conjunction with the DOE, UPLINK focuses on issues such as leadership development and teen pregnancy prevention. UPLINK was piloted at Moloka‘i Intermediate School in 2004 and expanded in the 2005–2006 academic year to Dole, Jarrett and Kawananakoa middle schools. The program will be offered to Waimanalo Middle School and schools on Kaua‘i, Maui and the Big Island during the next school year.

**Community Awareness Programs, Fall 2004.** The Office of the Lieutenant Governor initiated and continues to foster community awareness about illicit drug use and underage drinking through partnerships with MADD, Sayre Public Relations, the Hawai‘i National Guard Counterdrug Support Program, the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawai‘i, Oxford House and Hina Mauka.

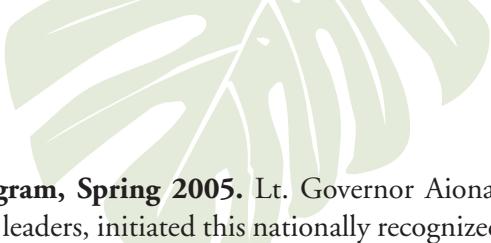
**Protecting You, Protecting Me Program, Winter 2004.** This nationally recognized peer-mentoring program was established in Hawai'i by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) with funding from the DHS and assistance by the DOE. This eight-lesson program begins in the first grade and ends when the student completes the fifth grade. Alcohol's effect on brain development is at the core of this program, which is currently available at Kaimuki, McKinley and Roosevelt high schools and will eventually be offered at 13 schools statewide.

**Partnership with University of Hawai'i to Change Policies for Underage Drinking, Winter 2004.** The Office of the Lieutenant Governor's discussions with UH President David McClain prompted more attention and change to underage drinking policies at the University. For example: UH increased the number of dry dormitories at its Mānoa campus, and President McClain submitted a request in August 2005 to ban alcohol sales at its football games.

**Department of Public Safety's Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) Education and Training Program, 2004–2005.** NED conducted 72 drug presentation and training sessions throughout the state in collaboration with nonprofit organizations. More than 3,800 individuals attended these valuable sessions, which increased awareness among the medical community, law enforcement, students and the general public about the harmful effects of drugs.

**Waiiau Elementary School, Drug Free Day, February 17, 2005.** Lt. Governor Aiona joined Waiiau Elementary School students and administrators and representatives from the Honolulu Police Department and the Attorney General's office at a drug-free pledge day at the campus. The entire student body spent a day learning the importance of choosing a drug-free lifestyle.

**Backyard Jam, Coalition for Drug-Free Hawai'i, February 20, 2005.** In collaboration with the Hawai'i National Guard's Counterdrug Support Program, Lt. Governor Aiona participated in this annual event which also recognized February as a Drug-Free Month.



**Hawai'i Reach Out Now – Teach In Program, Spring 2005.** Lt. Governor Aiona, with the help of many dedicated community leaders, initiated this nationally recognized program statewide. Designed for fifth graders, the program features classroom visits by local celebrities who emphasize positive life choices and address the harmful effects of alcohol. Students greeted the celebrity teachers with great enthusiasm.

**Lifeskills Program, Spring 2005.** This in-school curriculum covers the critical competencies found to prevent substance abuse: drug resistance skills, personal management skills and general social skills. The program is currently offered at Jarrett and King middle schools, and expansion to Kaimuki and Castle high schools is under discussion. It is also hoped the program can be offered to sixth graders at Salt Lake Elementary on O'ahu, and at schools on Kaua'i and in Hilo. Lifeskills is funded by DHS and administered by the DOH and DOE.

**Underage Drinking Presentation with Hawai'i Hotels and Lodging Association, April 2005.** The Office of the Lieutenant Governor and DOE facilitated anti-drinking presentations at Baldwin and Maui high schools on the Valley Isle and Waiakea and Hilo high schools on the Big Island.

**University of Hawai'i Resident Advisor Alcohol Training, April 27, 2005.** The Office of the Lieutenant Governor supported this training in collaboration with MADD. The event increased awareness about problems associated with underage drinking, the importance of enforcing rules related to underage drinking, and the role families play in changing attitudes regarding this issue.

**Big Island Youth Quest, May 2005.** The Office of the Lieutenant Governor facilitated a three-day event for the Salvation Army's Kealakehe Youth Team. This event provided a platform for 35 young people to voice concerns about their community and offer solutions. Topics of discussion included drug use, teen pregnancy and teen prostitution.

**Ke Kama Pono (Children of Promise), October 2005.** The Lingle-Aiona Administration, through the DHS and Office of Youth Services, opened a new group home at Honoka'a on the Big Island. Ke Pono is an alternative for non-violent offenders who



*Lt. Governor Aiona speaks with Hilo Family Court Judge Ben Gaddis at the grand opening of Ke Kama Pono (Children of Promise) Safe House in Honoka'a on the Big Island.*

would otherwise have been sent to the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility on O'ahu. Ke Pono will initially serve up to six girls between 13–17 years of age and offer services such as counseling and drug abuse education. The Salvation Army operates the safe house.

**Expanded Healthy Start, October 2005.** The Lingle-Aiona Administration, through DHS, will spend \$3.2 million to expand the Healthy Start Program, which is designed to enhance early intervention programs and promote healthy development of newborns in at-risk families. Starting in September 2004, funding was provided to enhance Healthy Start in East and West Hawai'i using federal funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.

**Drug Endangered Conference, November 2005.** Lt. Governor Aiona initiated discussions that focused on drug-endangered children. As a result, the Lingle-Aiona Administration, through DHS, funded the Drug Endangered Children Conference. Also supporting the conference were the East Hawai'i Drug Endangered Children Coalition and the Department of Public Safety Narcotics Enforcement Division. The event helped law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, DOH and DHS employees, and all county fire

all county fire departments and emergency medical services establish protocols to provide immediate care for children who are present at seized methamphetamine labs. Conferences were held on O'ahu and the Big Island.



*Lt. Governor Aiona and Ed Kubo (far left), U.S. Attorney, Hawai'i, with participants from the Drug Endangered Children Conference.*

**Department of Health Underage Drinking Program.** The premise behind this educational program is giving parents the proper tools to effectively guide their children. Funds provided by the Department of Transportation (DOT) were used to continue the program so parents could understand the effects of underage drinking and learn how to detect and deal with their children's alcohol abuse.

**Shattered Dreams Program.** DOT provided funds to implement this program at high schools throughout the state. Pahoia High School offered the program to address an identified community need. Pahoia is in Puna, a geographically isolated district with limited recreational activities for youth. As a result, Puna teenagers have often turned to

underage drinking and street racing as forms of recreation. To combat this problem, the school used the Shattered Dreams program to show students the consequences of driving while intoxicated.

**Department of Education Traffic Safety Program.** With funds provided by DOT and implementation by DOE, the Traffic Safety Program was started at schools. The goal is preventing youth injuries and fatalities caused by underage drinking, unsafe driving behaviors and not wearing seatbelts. DOE provided the training to students, parents and school administrators. Funds were also used to promote Project Prom/Graduation events and provide technical assistance to parents who helped organize these activities.



*Lt. Governor Aiona met with students from McKinley High School. The students led sessions about the dangers of using drugs and alcohol at Ka'ahumanu Elementary School as part of the "Protecting You, Protecting Me" program.*

# TREATMENT

## *“Ho‘i hou ka iwi kuamo‘o – Return to the Family” and “Access to Treatment”*

The primary focus of treatment efforts is enhancing the current system of care and developing a resource structure supporting the full continuum of outreach, engagement, stabilization and relapse prevention services.

The Lingle-Aiona Administration’s treatment efforts have resulted in the following:

### **Collaboration with Community Treatment Providers.**

The treatment effort has been guided by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor with the assistance of numerous participants, including: the United States Veterans Initiative (Darryl Vincent), Drug Addiction Services Hawai‘i (Lisa Cook), Hina Mauka (Andy Anderson), Narconon Hawai‘i (Sakura Thompson) and Malama Recovery Services (Ben Kaneaiakala).



*Lt. Governor Aiona tours the U.S. Vets Hawai‘i VIP (Veterans in Progress) transition housing with Director Darryl Vincent. The housing assists veterans who were once homeless and struggling with substance abuse.*

**\$940,000 Federal Grant to Implement Evidence-Based Practices for Illness Management and Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Disorders, Fall 2003.** This grant is used to implement evidence-based practices at local community clinics and to teach the state health system how to implement new technologies into treatment practice.

**\$3.6 Million Federal Grant to Improve Delivery of Treatment Services, Fall 2003.**

The Lingle-Aiona Administration received \$3.6 million in federal funds to improve delivery of public health services for persons with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. The funding supported creation of a pilot mobile training team that improved the capabilities of substance abuse treatment providers. In addition, the grant staff within the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) conducted 37 site visits and interviewed more than 350 individuals to complete the first comprehensive statewide needs assessment for mental health and substance abuse disorders. Work on the grant objectives also resulted in an agreement for collaboration between the mental health and substance abuse divisions. For the first time, AMHD and ADAD signed an Agreement of Understanding to work collaboratively on expanding each division's capacity to serve individuals with mental illness and substance abuse disorders.



*Lt. Governor Aiona speaks with a community member at the Hands-Across-the-State event, which encouraged community members to support recovering addicts.*

**Lt. Governor Aiona Co-Chairs Taskforce Committee to Improve State-Funded Services for Persons with Co-Occurring Disorders, Fall 2004.**

Lt. Governor Aiona initiated and co-chaired the first statewide advisory group to improve delivery of services to persons with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders. The advisory taskforce consists of representatives from public and private mental health and substance abuse service providers, and consumers and family members of publicly funded treatment services. The taskforce is creating the first statewide strategic plan to improve state-funded services for persons with co-occurring disorders.

**Improving Access to Treatment Services for Substance Abuse, Winter 2004.** With assistance from SAMHSA, the Lingle-Aiona Administration assessed business practices at the state's primary substance abuse agency to improve the quality of treatment services.

**Recovery Month, September 2005.** The Office of the Lieutenant Governor organized a Recovery Month Committee to support events celebrating persons in substance abuse recovery. Events included a live radio discussion, sign-waving campaigns and the inaugural Recovery Walk at Kaka'ako Park.

**Drug In Crisis Workshop, September 2005.** In collaboration with "Mother of the Year 2005" Dawn Mukai, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor conducted a workshop to provide parents with skills to keep their children drug-free.

**Families in Crisis, October 2005.** In collaboration with the Rotary Club, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor facilitated planning activities with community members to establish a family strengthening program in the Palolo area. Through the program, certified substance abuse counselors help families deal with addiction and identify appropriate treatment options.



*Lt. Governor Aiona with community members at the Recovery Walk to support organizations that assist recovering addicts.*

**Improving Access to State Services Within the State Mental Health Division, 2005.**

AMHD increased access to state services by expanding its eligibility criteria, thus enabling individuals suffering from substance abuse disorders with psychosis to receive treatment. In addition, AMHD expanded treatment eligibility criteria for individuals suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which is highly correlated with substance abuse disorders.

**Improved Capability Within the State Mental Health System to Better Identify Persons with Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Disorders, 2005.**

Better identification of persons with mental illness and substance abuse disorders will result in patients receiving appropriate services that promote sobriety, stability and wellbeing. In previous years, AMHD's detection rate for persons with substance abuse and mental illness was approximately 16 percent, which was far below the national average of 50 percent. A new system for screening and tracking was implemented statewide in January 2005. As a result, our rate is now approximately 50 percent statewide.

**Supported New Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and Housing Facility, 2005.**

The Lingle-Aiona Administration, through AMHD, increased capacity and access to treatment for neighbor island residents by providing funds to open an outpatient treatment facility in West Hawai'i. This new facility operated by Poailani in Kailua-Kona serves adults with substance abuse and mental health disorders. In addition, a new housing facility has been funded to complement treatment services. The housing facility has a 32-bed capacity and includes a service program with a life skills curriculum to meet the needs of clients.

**Development of a New Correctional Treatment Facility, November 2005.**

As part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's continuing efforts to ensure efficient and effective delivery of services and treatment to the inmate population, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) started planning for a treatment-based correctional program. This will result in the first state-run drug treatment facility for inmates. DPS will develop a plan to assess delivery of all treatment and other services provided to inmates from the point of entry to their departure from the correctional system. The plan will include a project development report with public input, a site selection study and related documentation,

Environmental Impact Statement, master planning and “design-build” procurement documentation and process development. The Administration released \$1 million to finance planning of the new facility.

**Community-Based Reintegration Program for Female Offenders, 2005.** The Lingle-Aiona Administration released \$100,000 to provide additional community-based transitional services to qualified female offenders at the Women’s Community Correctional Center. The gender-specific program includes individual and group counseling, substance abuse services, aftercare monitoring, employment placement and development of cognitive skills and life skills, along with treatment for domestic violence and physical and sexual abuse.



*Lt. Governor Aiona discusses substance abuse and the importance of making healthy life choices with students from the Hawai'i National Guard Youth Challenge program.*

# LAW ENFORCEMENT

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## *“Making Our Communities Safe”*

The primary focus of interdiction efforts is making communities safer, with an increased emphasis on identifying drug dealers and stopping drug abuse, manufacturing and distribution.

The use of “ice” and other illegal substances destroys many lives, devastates families and results in countless robberies, burglaries and other crimes. The Lingle-Aiona Administration continues to fight crime and drug use within communities through stronger law enforcement, educational outreach, rehabilitation and partnerships.

The Administration’s law enforcement efforts have resulted in the following:

**Created the Drug Nuisance and Abatement Unit.** Housed within the Department of the Attorney General, this unit primarily abates drug nuisances by working with building owners to remove drug dealers. In addition, the unit focuses on closing drug houses and disrupting illegal drug activities. These multi-agency efforts include airport interdiction, intelligence sharing, standardized training, undercover officers and the use of canines to detect drugs. The unit also combines the resources of federal and county law enforcement personnel and state narcotics investigators to target drug activities. Since 2003, the unit received more than 845 reports from the community, of which 832 concerned illegal drug activity and drug houses. In response, the Attorney General filed 10 drug nuisance abatement lawsuits.

**Increased U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) special agents, February 2005.** Four new special agents were added to DEA’s existing force of 18 agents in Hawai‘i. Governor Linda Lingle met with DEA Deputy Director Michele Leonhart in Washington, D.C. to discuss the state’s need for additional federal assistance in the effort to control the manufacture and sale of drugs. Lt. Governor Aiona followed up with DEA and other federal partners to reinforce the need for more enforcement agents

to support the state's drug control plan.

**Safe Summer Initiative, Summer 2005.** This collaborative program was initiated to patrol all 53 state parks and small boat harbors, focusing on areas where there is frequent alcohol use and other illegal activities. As a result of these patrols, deputies issued 98 warnings and 60 citations and arrested 14 individuals.

**Public Safety's Narcotics Enforcement Division Pseudoephedrine Law Education and Training Program, Fiscal Year 2005.** Twelve training sessions were conducted to educate retailers regarding the new law regulating sales of over-the-counter drugs used to manufacture methamphetamine. In addition, 20 retail stores were audited regarding compliance with state and federal drug and prescription dispensing laws.

**Law Enforcement Presence at the University of Hawai'i – Mānoa Campus, 2005.** In collaboration with the University of Hawai'i's efforts to address underage drinking, deputies from the Department of Public Safety will patrol the Mānoa campus to curtail illegal drinking and unlawful activity. The program is scheduled to begin in 2006.



*Lt. Governor Aiona with Honolulu Police Department officers stationed in the Wai'anae District at the Wai'anae Live and Let Live event discussed the effects of driving under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.*

# LEGISLATION NEEDED TO ADVANCE THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT DRUG USE AND UNDERAGE DRINKING

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The Lingle-Aiona Administration has a clear policy to comprehensively address illicit drug use and underage drinking. The policy utilizes three key strategies—prevention, treatment and law enforcement—as identified in the *Hawai'i Drug Control Plan*. Through numerous community meetings and discussions, the Administration identified current laws that impede progress for protecting our residents, providing treatment and supporting law enforcement efforts.

The Administration's efforts to modify state laws regarding drug abuse and underage drinking include the following proposals:

**Greater Control of Over-The-Counter Drugs Used by Methamphetamine Manufacturers.** In 2005, legislation was passed to regulate the sale of over-the-counter drugs used to manufacture methamphetamine, however this law did not adequately restrict and control their sale. Therefore, in 2006 the Administration proposed additional legislation, similar to that recently enacted by Congress via the Patriot Act, requiring storage of such drugs behind the counter and registration for purchase, including identification and signature.

**Suspension of Driver's Licenses for Persons Under 21 Years of Age.** The Administration introduced legislation requiring judges to impose a 180 day driver's license suspension for persons under the age of 21 convicted of illegally purchasing or possessing liquor. For those not yet licensed to drive, the judge will have the discretion to postpone their eligibility to obtain a license for a minimum of 180 days or until they turn 17.

**Mandatory Sentencing for Repeat Violent Offenders.** The Administration introduced legislation providing a mandatory sentence of 30 years to life in prison for habitual violent felons.



**Repeat of Repeat Offender Provision of Act 44.** The Administration introduced legislation to eliminate the opportunity for career criminals to receive probation simply because they are being sentenced for a first-time drug offense.

**Amend Hawai‘i’s Electronic Surveillance Law.** Legislation was introduced to amend the state’s electronic surveillance law so it is compatible with existing federal statutes. This measure would help disrupt the distribution of illicit substances by providing law enforcement with state-of-the art electronic tools to identify and target drug dealers. If state and federal laws are compatible, both state and federal authorities could use surveillance results to bring criminals to justice.

**Stiffer Penalties for Methamphetamine Manufacturing.** The Administration has introduced legislation that would once again make the manufacturing of methamphetamine in any amount a Class A felony. In 2004, this crime was reduced to a Class B felony.

**Mandatory Jail Time for Providing Alcohol to a Minor.** The Administration introduced legislation requiring a mandatory jail sentence for persons who knowingly purchase alcohol for minors.

**Supporting Intervention for Substance and Alcohol Abuse in Medical Settings.** The Administration introduced legislation to implement a Screening, Briefing, Intervention, Referral and Treatment (SBIRT) program in emergency rooms and trauma centers. SBIRT program is a successful and cost-effective early intervention approach to alcohol and substance abuse for individuals seeking medical attention. SBIRT, deemed a “best practices” program by SAMHSA, takes advantage of a “teachable moment” in a person’s life by screening and intervening with at-risk substance abusers before severe dependence and/or addictive problems develop. Also included in the Administration’s legislation is a related proposal to prevent medical insurers from denying health insurance coverage for injuries resulting from alcohol or drug use.





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