

# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT



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Annual Report on the  
Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to  
Substance Abuse Treatment (SBIRT) Initiative for 2008

ACT 178 Session Laws of Hawai'i 2007  
(House Bill 367, HD1, SD1, CD1)

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#### ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ON MONEYS EXPENDED IN SUPPORT OF THE SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (SBIRT) INITIATIVE

#### AS REQUIRED BY ACT 178, SLH 2007

##### Summary:

Act 178 of the 2007 Legislature appropriated \$84,000 toward a pilot program in substance abuse intervention, to be situated in the emergency department of a major urban medical facility. The Act stipulates to a two-year duration, and the appropriation is for fiscal year 2007-8. This followed upon a draft proposal for \$1.2 million in support of an established model for reduction in morbidity and mortality from substance-abuse associated trauma, known as Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Substance Abuse Treatment (SBIRT). The appropriation is to be expended by the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Act 178 requires submission of an annual report to the Legislature.

##### Financial Report:

As of 01 November, 2007, there have been no expenditures.

##### Discussion:

The Principal Investigators designated for this project have been meeting with the clinical service directors of the Queen's Medical Center to determine the most effective means of employing the appropriation compatible with the terms of the Act. This planning is complicated by the 93% discrepancy between the proposed budget and that actually provided, requiring proportionate adjustment of the scope of the Act. The Department of Psychiatry, John A. Burns School of Medicine currently administers a Hawai'i Department of Transportation service grant to provide such interventions in an inpatient trauma unit, and thus has both dedicated staffing and experience in the operations of such a project. The Principal Investigators for this latter grant are also the Directors for the SBIRT initiative, Act 178 (Deborah Goebert, Dr. P.H., and William Haning, M.D.).

##### Future:

The intent of the initiative directors is that planning will be completed by the end of January, 2008, with implementation of the initiative to follow within the remainder of the fiscal year.