

## **DWI COURT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

### Mission Statement

Using the concepts of *Pono* and *Aloha*, the mission of the Judiciary of the State of Hawaii through the DWI Court Program is to provide offenders with a comprehensive program that will reduce the recidivism rate and financial burdens as well as protect the community. The program will provide offenders with treatment opportunities and resources to successfully complete rehabilitation, all while ensuring justice.

### Program Description

The DWI Court Program is a court-supervised comprehensive treatment program for non-violent OVUII offenders. This is a voluntary program that includes regular court appearances before a designated DWI Court Judge and participation in a treatment program. Treatment will be coordinated by the DWI Court Case Manager and includes alcohol and drug testing, individual and group counseling and regular attendance at self-help meetings.

The DWI Court program helps clients abstain from alcohol through treatment and assistance in life skills. Case management services provide help with employment, housing, health insurance and other necessary life skills concurrently with alcohol treatment, providing the best chance for success and continued sobriety.

The duration of the program is determined by each participant's individual progress but will be no less than 12 months. Entry into the DWI Court Program is voluntary but will require the participant to enter a no contest or guilty plea. The participant's sentence will be stayed pending compliance and completion of the DWI Court Program.

Entry into the DWI Court Program is at the sole discretion of the DWI Court Judge. The DWI Court Judge will consider the below outlined factors in determining whether a potential candidate is appropriate for the DWI Court Program.

To apply for the program, please complete and submit the attached "Petition for Admission to DWI Court" to the DWI Court Coordinator, 1111 Alakea Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, to be set for a hearing.

### Target Population

Although anyone may apply for the program, the target population is as follows:

- Offenders with two prior OVUII convictions within 10 years.
- Offenders with one prior OVUII conviction and high BAC (.15 or greater).
- Offenders with one prior OVUII conviction and a concurrent driving with a suspended or revoked license charge.
- Offenders with one prior OVUII conviction and a concurrent leaving the scene of an accident or minor motor vehicle accident charge.

### Disqualifying Factors

Potential participants who fall into any of the below categories will be excluded from the program:

- Offenders with a prior conviction for a violent crime.
- Offenders with a felony conviction for a sex crime.
- Offenders with a felony conviction for sale of a controlled substance.
- Offenders with a prior felony prison term.
- Offenders with an extensive criminal record.
- Offenders who were in possession of firearms at the time of the OVUII arrest.
- Offenders who have previously participated in a DWI or Drug Court Program.
- Offenders with a disability so profound that would prevent them from fully participating in a treatment program.