



**Issue
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HIV/AIDS Prevention, Counseling and Testing Programs

Invest in Effective Prevention Programs Support House Bill 405/Senate Bill 766

The Problem

Currently funded prevention, counseling and testing programs are working, but they don't have the resources to reach enough people.

Prevention saves lives. As all of our communities face the HIV/AIDS crisis, the state must invest in effective programs that encourage risk reduction and prevent the transmission of this fatal disease. These programs must be targeted in communities that are most at risk, including the African American, Latino, and gay communities.

Prevention saves money. Funding prevention, counseling and risk reduction is far less expensive than funding treatments for those who contract this disease. The bill would save lives and save the state money in the long term.

Testing and counseling prevent transmission. HIV-positive people are less likely to spread the disease if they know they have it. Programs that engage affected communities in testing and provide counseling to HIV-positive people can save lives.

We need science-based programs that work.

A Solution

Support the provisions in **House Bill 405** and **Senate Bill 766**, which would provide \$3.3 million in funding to support effective prevention, counseling and testing programs in the communities that need them the most.