



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. **723**

June 14, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 003  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 14, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2327 SD2 HD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT REPORTING.  
(ACT 193)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

THE SENATE  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006  
STATE OF HAWAII

**S.B. NO.** 2327  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT REPORTING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The intent of the legislature is to ensure the  
2 safety of children through the timely reporting of child abuse  
3 and neglect.

4           The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the child abuse  
5 reporting statute to ensure that instances of known or suspected  
6 child abuse or neglect are reported without delay by requiring  
7 the staff at any public or private school, agency, or  
8 institution, who observe signs of the abuse or neglect, to  
9 report the abuse or neglect directly to the department of human  
10 services or the police. This direct reporting will also ensure  
11 that the best evidence of abuse or neglect is obtained.

12           SECTION 2. Section 350-1.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

14           "(b) Whenever a person designated in subsection (a) is a  
15 member of the staff of any public or private school, agency, or  
16 institution, that staff member shall immediately report the  
17 known or suspected child abuse or neglect directly to the  
18 department or to the police department and also shall



1 immediately notify the person in charge[~~7~~] or a designated  
2 delegate[~~7, who shall immediately report, or cause reports to be~~  
3 ~~made~~7] of the report made in accordance with this chapter."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



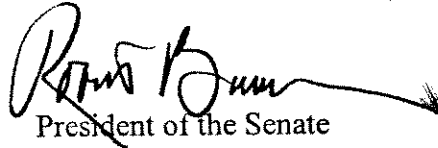
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: JUN 14 2006


**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Robert H. Han  
President of the Senate



Paul J. Casper  
Clerk of the Senate


**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Calvin K. I. Iy  
Speaker, House of Representatives



Paul J. Casper  
Clerk, House of Representatives