
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY COURTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 571-48, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§571-48 Decree, if informal adjustment or diversion to a**
4 **private or community agency or program has not been effected.**

5 When a minor is found by the court to come within section 571-
6 11, the court shall so decree and in its decree shall make a
7 finding of the facts upon which the court exercises its
8 jurisdiction over the minor. Upon the decree the court, by
9 order duly entered, shall proceed as follows:

10 (1) As to a [~~child~~] minor adjudicated under section 571-
11 11(1):

12 (A) The court may place the [~~child~~] minor on
13 probation:

14 (i) In the [~~child's~~] minor's own home; or

15 (ii) In the custody of a suitable person or
16 facility elsewhere, upon conditions
17 determined by the court.



1 When conditions of probation include
2 incarceration in a youth correctional facility,
3 the incarceration shall be for a term not to
4 exceed one year, after which time the [~~person~~]
5 minor shall be allowed to reside in the community
6 subject to additional conditions as may be
7 imposed by the court;

8 (B) The court may vest legal custody of the [~~child,~~]
9 minor, after prior consultation with the agency
10 or institution, in a Hawaii youth correctional
11 facility, in a local public agency or
12 institution, or in any private institution or
13 agency authorized by the court to care for
14 children; or place the [~~child~~] minor in a private
15 home. If legal custody of the [~~child~~] minor is
16 vested in a private agency or institution in
17 another state, the court shall select one that is
18 approved by the family or juvenile court of the
19 other state or by that state's department of
20 social services or other appropriate department;
21 [~~or~~]

1 (C) The court may fine the [~~child~~] minor for a
2 violation [~~which~~] that would be theft in the
3 third degree by shoplifting if committed by an
4 adult. The court may require the [~~child~~] minor
5 to perform public services in lieu of the fine;
6 or

7 (D) If the minor is adjudicated to have committed an
8 act that would constitute a violation of
9 promoting a dangerous, harmful, or detrimental
10 drug, or of any other controlled substance, under
11 chapter 712, part IV, or a violation of section
12 712-1240.6 or 712-1249.6, the minor shall choose
13 to either:

14 (i) Be incarcerated in a youth correctional
15 facility for no fewer than _____ days but
16 not more than _____ days imprisonment, of
17 which at least _____ hours shall be served
18 consecutively, without possibility of
19 probation or suspension of sentence; or

20 (ii) Attend a _____-hour minimum substance abuse
21 education and counseling program, or other
22 comparable family education and counseling



1 program deemed appropriate by the court
2 accompanied by the minor's parents,
3 guardians, or legal custodians;

4 (2) As to a [~~child~~] minor adjudicated under section
5 571-11(2):

6 (A) The court may place the [~~child~~] minor under
7 protective supervision, as hereinabove defined,
8 in the [~~child's~~] minor's own home, or in the
9 custody of a suitable person or agency elsewhere,
10 upon conditions determined by the court; or

11 (B) The court may vest legal custody of the [~~child,~~]
12 minor, after prior consultation with the agency
13 or institution, in a local governmental agency or
14 institution licensed or approved by the State to
15 care for children, with the exception of an
16 institution authorized by the court to care for
17 children. If legal custody of the [~~child~~] minor
18 is vested in a private agency or institution in
19 another state, the court shall select one that is
20 approved by the family or juvenile court of the
21 other state or by that state's department of
22 social services or other appropriate department;



1 provided that the [~~child~~] minor may not be
2 committed to a public or private institution
3 operated solely for the treatment of law
4 violators;

5 (3) An order vesting legal custody of a minor in an
6 individual, agency, or institution under section 571-
7 11(2) shall be for an indeterminate period but shall
8 not remain in force or effect beyond three years from
9 the date entered, except that the individual,
10 institution, or agency may file with the court a
11 petition for renewal of the order and the court may
12 renew the order if it finds such renewal necessary to
13 safeguard the welfare of the [~~child~~] minor or the
14 public interest. The court, after notice to the
15 parties, may conduct a hearing on the petition.
16 Renewal may be periodic during minority, but no order
17 shall have any force or effect beyond the period
18 authorized by section 571-13. An agency granted legal
19 custody shall be subject to prior approval of the
20 court in any case in which the [~~child~~] minor is to
21 reside without the territorial jurisdiction of the
22 court and may be subject to prior approval in other



1 cases. An individual granted legal custody shall
2 exercise the rights and responsibilities personally
3 unless otherwise authorized by the court;

- 4 (4) Whenever the court commits a [~~child~~] minor to the care
5 of the director of human services or executive
6 director of the office of youth services, or vests
7 legal custody of a [~~child~~] minor in an institution or
8 agency it shall transmit with the order copies of the
9 clinical reports, social study, and other information
10 pertinent to the care and treatment of the [~~child,~~
11 minor, and the institution or agency shall give to the
12 court any information concerning the [~~child~~] minor
13 that the court may at any time require. An
14 institution or agency receiving a [~~child~~] minor under
15 this paragraph shall inform the court whenever the
16 status of the [~~child~~] minor is affected through
17 temporary or permanent release, discharge, or transfer
18 to other custody. An institution to which a [~~child~~]
19 minor is committed under section 571-11(1) or (2)
20 shall not transfer custody of the [~~child~~] minor to an
21 institution for the correction of adult offenders,



1 except as authorized in this chapter and under chapter
2 352;

3 (5) The court may order, for any [~~child~~] minor within its
4 jurisdiction, whatever care or treatment is authorized
5 by law;

6 (6) In placing a [~~child~~] minor under the guardianship or
7 custody of an individual or of a private agency or
8 private institution, the court shall give primary
9 consideration to the welfare of the [~~child;~~] minor;

10 (7) In support of any order or decree under section 571-
11 11(1) or (2), the court may require the parents or
12 other persons having custody of the [~~child,~~] minor, or
13 any other person who has been found by the court to be
14 encouraging, causing, or contributing to the acts or
15 conditions [~~which~~] that bring the [~~child~~] minor within
16 the purview of this chapter and who are parties to the
17 proceeding, to do or to omit doing any acts required
18 or forbidden by law, when the judge deems this
19 requirement necessary for the welfare of the [~~child.~~]
20 minor. The court may also make appropriate orders
21 concerning the parents or other persons having custody
22 of the [~~child~~] minor and who are parties to the



1 proceeding. If such persons fail to comply with the
2 requirement or with the court order, the court may
3 proceed against them for contempt of court;

4 (8) In support of any order or decree for custody or
5 support, the court may make an order of protection
6 setting forth reasonable conditions of behavior to be
7 observed for a specified time, binding upon both
8 parents or either of them. This order may require
9 either parent to stay away from the home or from the
10 other parent or children, may permit the other to
11 visit the children at stated periods, or may require a
12 parent to abstain from offensive conduct against the
13 children or each other;

14 (9) The court may dismiss the petition or otherwise
15 terminate its jurisdiction at any time;

16 (10) In any other case of which the court has jurisdiction,
17 the court may make any order or judgment authorized by
18 law;

19 (11) The court may order any person adjudicated pursuant to
20 section 571-11(1) to make restitution of money or
21 services to any victim who suffers loss as a result of



1 the [~~child's~~] minor's action[~~7~~] or to render community
2 service;

3 (12) The court may order any person adjudicated pursuant to
4 section 571-11(2) to participate in community service;
5 and

6 (13) The court may order the parents of an adjudicated
7 minor to make restitution of money or services to any
8 victim, person, or party who has incurred a loss or
9 damages as a result of the [~~child's~~] minor's action."

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, to
13 carry out the purposes of this Act.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for
15 the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
18 begun, before its effective date.

19 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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HB 2866

Report Title:

Family Court; Decree for Minor Promoting Controlled Substances

Description:

Requires a minor adjudicated of actions that would constitute selling or distributing drugs to choose imprisonment or drug counseling in the company of the minor's parents or guardians.

