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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARRIAGE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that too many couples  
2 enter a marriage without a realistic idea of parenting and its  
3 challenges. The legislature further finds that there is a lack  
4 of resources available to educate the public on family law  
5 proceedings, specifically the divorce litigation process, and  
6 the benefits of alternative dispute resolution processes in such  
7 matters.

8           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
9 health to provide couples entering into a marriage with  
10 information regarding parenting information, including parenting  
11 and communication skills, domestic violence, and the divorce  
12 litigation process, including the benefits of alternative  
13 dispute resolution.

14           SECTION 2. Section 572-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

16           "(d) The department or its authorized agents shall furnish  
17 to each applicant for a marriage license a brochure explaining  
18 rubella, the risks of infection with rubella during pregnancy,



1 and how to seek testing and immunization. The department or its  
 2 authorized agents shall also furnish to each applicant for a  
 3 marriage license information, to be provided by the department,  
 4 relating to parenting, population stabilization, family  
 5 planning, birth control, the divorce litigation process,  
 6 including the availability and benefit of alternative dispute  
 7 resolution processes, domestic violence, fetal alcohol and drug  
 8 syndromes, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS),  
 9 including the availability of anonymous testing for human  
 10 immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection at alternate test sites;  
 11 provided that such information is available."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Marriage License; Informational Brochure

**SB. NO. 3238**

**Description:**

Adds divorce, alternate dispute resolution, and domestic violence to list of topics on which the department of health is required to distribute informational brochures to all marriage license applicants.

