
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 709-903.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

3 "(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person
4 commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a minor in the
5 first degree if, having care or custody of a minor, the person:

6 (a) Intentionally or knowingly allows another person to
7 inflict serious or substantial bodily injury on the
8 minor; or

9 (b) Intentionally or knowingly causes or permits the minor
10 to inject, ingest [~~methamphetamine~~], or inhale any
11 controlled substance that has not been prescribed by a
12 physician for the minor."

13 SECTION 2. Section 709-904, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

15 "(1) Except as provided in section 709-903.5(2), a person
16 commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a minor in the
17 second degree if, having care or custody of a minor, the person:



Report Title:

Endangering Welfare of a Minor

Description:

Expands the crimes of endangering the welfare of a minor in the first and second degrees to include situations in which an adult causes or permits a minor to inject, ingest, or inhale any controlled substance that was not prescribed for the minor by a physician.

