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# 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~~], inhale, or  
11 otherwise introduce into the minor's body any  
12 controlled substance that has not been prescribed by a  
13 physician for the minor, except as permitted under  
14 section 329-122."

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



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

4       (a) Recklessly allows another person to inflict serious or  
5           substantial bodily injury on the minor; or

6       (b) Recklessly causes or permits the minor to inject,  
7           ingest [~~methamphetamine.~~], inhale, or otherwise  
8           introduce into the minor's body any controlled  
9           substance that has not been prescribed by a physician  
10          for the minor, except as permitted under section 329-  
11          122."

12       SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
14 begun, before its effective date.

15       SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**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. (HB2346 HD1)

