
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 587-88, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 " [587-88] Child protective review panel. (a) The
4 department shall establish a child protective review panel to
5 review each case of serious abuse. Upon the request of the
6 child's family, the panel also shall review child protective
7 proceedings taken prior to or without a court order, where the
8 child's family believes that the child was wrongfully removed
9 from the family home. Based upon its review, the panel shall
10 submit a report of findings and recommendations to the director.
11 The department shall appoint members of the child protective
12 review panel who may include, but not be limited to:
- 13 (1) Any physician treating the child for abuse;
14 (2) Any child protective services worker assigned to the
15 case and the worker's supervisor;
16 (3) The guardian ad litem for the child, appointed under
17 section 587-34, if applicable;



1 (4) The members of the child's multidisciplinary team or
2 child protective services consultant; [~~and~~]

3 (5) An individual who represents the interests of the
4 family; and

5 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Other child protective services workers and
6 supervisors.

7 (b) Members of the child protective review panel shall
8 serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed for
9 costs, except for state employees serving within the scope of
10 their employment who shall receive compensation and
11 reimbursements as provided by law or by collective bargaining.

12 (c) Members of the child protective review panel shall be
13 immune from any liability for injuries and damages arising from
14 the panel's report under subsection (a).

15 (d) This section shall not be construed as interfering
16 with any authority of the department or the courts to remove, to
17 place, or to order any disposition on custody of the abused
18 child under this chapter; provided that any decision related to
19 a review initiated by a child's family under this section shall
20 be made available to the court in subsequent child protective
21 services proceedings.



1 (e) As used in this section, "serious abuse" means
2 reabuse, hospitalization, or death arising from an abuse."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Child Protection Review Panel; Removal Review

Description:

Requires that the child protective review panel proceedings taken prior to the issuance of a court order upon the request of the child's family who believe that the child was wrongfully removed from the family home.

