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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The chair of the senate committee on human
2 services and public housing and the chair of the house of
3 representatives committee on human services shall convene a
4 temporary statewide task force on system responses to cases of
5 child sexual assault and exploitation. The purpose of the task
6 force shall be to review, assess, and make recommendations on
7 Hawaii's system responses to cases regarding:

8 (1) Child sexual abuse, assault, and exploitation;

9 (2) Sexually reactive children;

10 (3) Youth who sexually offend; and

11 (4) Related minor-to-minor incest.

12 The task force shall also consider associated issues, including
13 Internet crimes against children, child pornography, and child
14 trafficking in its discussions.

15 (b) In addition to the co-convenors, as specified under
16 subsection (a), the task force shall consist of representatives
17 from each of the following:



- 1 (1) The judiciary;
- 2 (2) The Children's Justice Center;
- 3 (3) The county police department for each county;
- 4 (4) The department of human services;
- 5 (5) The department of health;
- 6 (6) The department of education;
- 7 (7) The prosecutor's office for each county;
- 8 (8) The department of the attorney general;
- 9 (9) Children's Alliance of Hawaii;
- 10 (10) Child and family services;
- 11 (11) Catholic Charities Hawaii;
- 12 (12) Sex Abuse Treatment Center;
- 13 (13) The Salvation Army; and
- 14 (14) The United States Attorney's Office.

15 (c) The inter-agency advisory committees of the children's
16 justice center for each county shall be consulted on a regular
17 basis for input to the task force.

18 (d) The center for alternative dispute resolution shall
19 assist the task force in performing its duties as required by
20 this Act.

21 (e) The members shall not receive compensation for their
22 services but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel



1 expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties under this
2 Act.

3 SECTION 2. The statewide task force on system responses to
4 cases of child sexual assault and exploitation shall submit an
5 interim report of its findings and recommendations, including
6 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
7 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
8 2008, and a final report of its findings and recommendations,
9 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
10 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
11 of 2009. The advisory task force shall cease to exist on
12 June 30, 2009.

13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
16 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2008-2009, for the statewide task force on system responses
18 to cases of child sexual assault and exploitation.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the senate for
20 the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and
2 the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
3 year 2008-2009, for the statewide task force on system responses
4 to cases of child sexual assault and exploitation.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the house of
6 representatives for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon approval;
8 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on
9 July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

System Responses to Cases of Child Sexual Assault and Exploitation; Task Force

Description:

Establishes a two-year statewide task force to evaluate and make recommendations on the State's system responses to cases of child sexual assault and exploitation. Makes appropriations for the task force.

