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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NAME CHANGES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 574-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) It shall be unlawful to change any name adopted or  
4 conferred under this chapter, except:

5           (1) Upon an order of the lieutenant governor;

6           (2) By a final order, decree, or judgment of the family  
7 court issued as follows:

8           (A) When in an adoption proceeding a change of name  
9 of the person to be adopted is requested and the  
10 court includes the change of name in the adoption  
11 decree;

12           (B) When in a divorce proceeding either party to the  
13 proceeding requests to resume the middle name or  
14 names and the last name used by the party prior  
15 to the marriage or a middle name or names and  
16 last name declared and used during any prior  
17 marriage and the court includes the change of  
18 names in the divorce decree; or



1 (C) When in a proceeding for a change of name of a  
2 legitimate or legitimated minor initiated by one  
3 parent, the family court, upon proof that the  
4 parent initiating the name change has made all  
5 reasonable efforts to locate and notify the other  
6 parent of the name change proceeding but has not  
7 been able to locate, notify, or elicit a response  
8 from the other parent, and after an appropriate  
9 hearing, orders a change of name determined to be  
10 in the best interests of the minor; provided that  
11 the family court may waive the notice requirement  
12 to the noninitiating, noncustodial parent where  
13 the court finds that the waiver is necessary for  
14 the protection of the minor;

15 (3) Upon marriage pursuant to section 574-1;

16 (4) Upon legitimation pursuant to section 338-21; or

17 (5) By an order or decree of any court of competent  
18 jurisdiction within any state of the United States,  
19 the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto  
20 Rico, or any territory or possession of the United  
21 States, changing the name of a person born in this  
22 State.



1 Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, no person who is a  
2 covered offender subject to the registration requirements of  
3 section 846E-2 may obtain a name change, other than as provided  
4 in paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5), unless a court determines  
5 that it is in the best interest of justice to grant the petition  
6 and that doing so will not adversely affect the public safety."

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July, 2059.



**Report Title:**

Covered offenders name change prohibition

**Description:**

Prohibits covered offenders subject to registration requirements from petitioning for name changes. (SD1)

