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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MINORS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 356D-127, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) The provider agency operating and managing a homeless  
4 facility, or any other program for the homeless authorized by  
5 this part, or the authority operating and managing its own  
6 homeless facility, shall be responsible for determining if an  
7 applicant is eligible for shelter or other services at the  
8 homeless facility or through any other program for the homeless,  
9 pursuant to standards and criteria established by rule. The  
10 provider agency shall also be responsible for determining if a  
11 minor is eligible for shelter or other services at the homeless  
12 facility or through any other programs for the homeless;  
13 provided that:

14           (1) The minor has sufficient mental capacity to understand  
15           the nature and consequence of receiving shelter or  
16           other services at the homeless facility;



- 1        (2) The shelter and services are for the minor's benefit;  
2            and  
3        (3) The minor is not under a parent's, custodian's, or  
4            legal guardian's care, supervision or control, or  
5            obtaining appropriate legal consent is not practical."

6        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

7        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Minor Consent; Homeless Assistance; Keiki Caucus

**Description:**

Allows minors to consent to entering into emergency shelters or other homeless facilities when minors do not have a parent or guardian to consent on their behalf.

