
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§46- Fees for crimes of domestic violence. (a) A
5 county shall have and may exercise the power to impose a fee of
6 not more than \$250 upon every fine, penalty, or forfeiture that
7 may be imposed and collected by the courts for conviction of an
8 offense under section 709-906. Money collected pursuant to this
9 section shall be used by the county to fund domestic violence
10 prevention programs that focus on assisting immigrants,
11 refugees, or persons who live in a rural community. A county
12 with an existing domestic violence program that assists those
13 persons may direct funds to those programs.

14 (b) The court shall determine if the defendant has the
15 ability to pay the fee imposed under this section. In making
16 that determination, the court shall take into account the total
17 amount of fines and restitution that the defendant is subject to
18 and may waive payment of this additional fee.



1 (c) The court shall remit the moneys collected pursuant to
2 this section to the director of finance of the appropriate
3 county."

4 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
6 begun, before its effective date.

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Description:
Authorizes the counties to impose fees for domestic violence prevention programs upon defendants convicted of domestic violence.

