
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that over four thousand
2 youths take their lives annually in the United States, making
3 suicide the third leading cause of death of persons between the
4 ages of ten and twenty-four.

5 In Hawaii, suicide is the second leading cause of death
6 among persons who are fifteen to twenty-four years old. In
7 2009, one out of every eight high school students reported
8 having attempted suicide within the twelve-month period before
9 completing a nationwide behavioral risk survey. The rate of
10 attempted suicides for high school students is more than double
11 the national average. Males are more likely than females to
12 commit suicide, and native Hawaiian youths are the most likely
13 ethnic group to attempt or commit suicide.

14 Act 124, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, established a youth
15 suicide early intervention and prevention program for Hawaii.
16 As directed by the Act, the youth suicide early intervention and
17 prevention program has coordinated training for health care
18 providers, school and University of Hawaii employees, and



1 personnel who deal with children at work or in a recreational
2 capacity. The program has also established the Prevent Suicide
3 Hawaii Task Force to create public awareness for issues relating
4 to youth suicide prevention and to build community networks
5 concerning youth suicide prevention.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
10 year 2012-2013 for suicide prevention services within the
11 department of education.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of education for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Youth Suicide; Prevention; Keiki Caucus; Appropriation

Description:

Provides funding for suicide prevention services within the Department of Education. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB691 HD1)

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