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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE LAWS AND RULES RELATING TO
CONFIDENTIALITY, PRIVACY, AND PRIVILEGE AND THEIR IMPACT ON
JUVENILE INFORMATION SHARING.

1 WHEREAS, juvenile information sharing is the sharing of
2 essential information among multiple agencies and across systems
3 using structured processes and procedures to improve outcomes
4 for youth and families; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
7 Prevention, the United States Department of Education, and the
8 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration have
9 identified juvenile information sharing as an essential tool to
10 assist juvenile justice, education, health, and other youth-
11 serving agencies in their efforts to improve services for at-
12 risk and delinquent youth and their families; and

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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii County recognized the need to establish
15 procedures and protocols to facilitate information sharing
16 between state and county agencies in 2000; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Big Island Juvenile Intake and Assessment
19 Center strategic plan concluded in 2007 that existing systems
20 for serving youth were often fragmented and poorly coordinated,
21 families and youth involved with multiple agencies were often
22 confused about which service provider had responsibility for
23 which problem area, and information to officers and program
24 providers was frequently miscommunicated; and

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26 WHEREAS, key justice and government officials in Hawaii
27 have long recognized the need to build integrated information
28 sharing capabilities between justice agencies and other
29 governmental entities throughout the State; and

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31 WHEREAS, justice and government officials in Hawaii also
32 recognize that there is a need for juvenile information sharing
33 to ensure that agencies work in a more collaborative manner,
34 which will lead to more efficient and effective services for
35 youth throughout the State of Hawaii; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, that the Department of the Attorney General is requested to identify and examine the following areas relating to juvenile information sharing:

- (1) Existing federal and state laws and local and agency rules relating to confidentiality, privacy, and privilege and their impact on interagency information sharing; and
- (2) Development of a system of interagency information sharing to reduce service redundancy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney General is requested to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, Director of Human Services, Director of Health, Superintendent of Education, Prosecuting Attorney of each county, and Chief of Police of each county.

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