
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY RELATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 709, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§709- Bullying in the home. (1) A person commits the
5 offense of bullying in the home if the person intentionally
6 subjects a family or household member to abusive conduct with
7 intent to create, or in reckless disregard of the risk of
8 creating, an intimidating, threatening, or abusive home
9 environment for the family or household member.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section:

11 "Abusive conduct" means malicious conduct, whether by acts
12 or omission of acts, that a reasonable person would find
13 hostile, based on the severity, nature, and frequency of the
14 defendant's conduct and includes:

15 (a) Repeated infliction of verbal abuse, such as the use
16 of derogatory remarks, insults, and epithets; and

17 (b) Verbal or physical conduct of a threatening,
18 intimidating, or humiliating nature.



1 "Family or household member" means spouses or former
2 spouses, parents, children, or persons jointly residing or
3 formerly residing in the same dwelling unit.

4 (3) Bullying in the home is a misdemeanor.

5 (4) A person convicted under this section shall be
6 required to undergo a counseling program as ordered by the
7 court."

8 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
9 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
10 begun before its effective date.

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Offenses Against the Family; Bullying

Description:

Makes bullying in the home a misdemeanor offense and requires counseling for anyone convicted of the offense. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB704 HD1)

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