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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JUVENILES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 571-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) In cases of violation of a law or ordinance by a  
4 child, the issuance of a citation or summons, when provided for  
5 by law or ordinance, shall be sufficient to invoke the  
6 jurisdiction of the court, which may proceed to dispose of such  
7 a case with or without preliminary investigation and the filing  
8 of a petition.

9 The court may dispose of the case by referring the child to  
10 a restorative justice program when the court deems it would be  
11 in the best interest of the child and the child admits guilt.  
12 Restorative justice shall mean an approach to justice that  
13 focuses on the offender, the victim, and the community and  
14 fosters cooperation among those parties to address the violation  
15 committed and prevent future crime. Restorative justice  
16 programs shall include restorative dialogues, restorative  
17 conferences, restorative justice circles, restorative sessions,  
18 Native Hawaiian reconciliation practices like ho'oponopono, or



1 any type of restorative justice group process where offenders  
2 and victims meet individually or with their loved ones, or with  
3 a facilitator."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Juveniles; Restorative Justice

**Description:**

Permits a court to dispose of a juvenile case by referring a child offender to a restorative justice program when the court deems it would be in the best interest of the child and the child admits guilt. Clarifies and provides examples of restorative justice programs. (HB182 HD1)

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