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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 571-31.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) Informal adjustment under this section may include,  
4 among other suitable methods, programs, and procedures, the  
5 following:

6           (1) Participation in restitution projects to obtain  
7 appropriate victim satisfaction;

8           (2) Participation in community service projects so as to  
9 establish the child's self value in the community;

10          (3) Participation in community-based programs which work  
11 with the child and family to maintain and strengthen  
12 the family unit so that the child may be retained in  
13 the child's own home;

14          (4) Submission to neighborhood courts or panels upon  
15 procedures to be established by the court. As used in  
16 this paragraph "neighborhood courts or panels" are  
17 community organizations designed to settle minor



- 1           disputes between parties on a voluntary basis using  
2           mediation or nonbinding arbitration;
- 3           (5) Participation in programs to support, counsel, or  
4           provide work and recreational opportunities to help  
5           prevent delinquency;
- 6           (6) Participation in educational programs or supportive  
7           services designed to help delinquents and to encourage  
8           other youths to remain in elementary and secondary  
9           schools or in alternative learning situations;
- 10          (7) Participation in youth-initiated programs and outreach  
11          programs designed to assist youth and families;
- 12          (8) Appropriate physical and medical examinations,  
13          vocational and aptitude testing, examinations for  
14          learning disabilities or emotional dysfunctions, and  
15          suitable counseling and therapy;
- 16          (9) Placement with nonsecure or secure shelter facilities;  
17          ~~[ex]~~
- 18          (10) Restitution providing for monetary payment by the  
19          parents of the child~~[-]~~; or
- 20          (11) Participation in a restorative justice program where  
21          the child and the child's parents or guardian, along  
22          with other supporters of the child, may meet with the





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**Report Title:**

Juveniles; Informal Adjustment; Restorative Justice

**Description:**

Provides the option of participating in a restorative justice program for children who are undergoing informal adjustment by a court or other designated agency, which program may involve the child and the child's parents or guardian meeting with the victim harmed by the child's law violation.

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