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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4 "§28- Silver alert program. (a) The civil defense  
5 division of the department of defense, with the cooperation of  
6 each respective county's police departments, local broadcasters,  
7 and other relevant and appropriate state and county agencies,  
8 shall develop and implement a statewide silver alert program to  
9 be activated on behalf of missing senior citizens in the  
10 appropriate county. To the greatest extent possible, the silver  
11 alert program shall be integrated with the preexisting Maile  
12 Amber Alert program and partnership.

13 (b) A silver alert shall be issued if the following  
14 criteria are met:

15 (1) A county police department receives notice of a  
16 missing senior citizen from the family or legal  
17 guardian of the missing senior citizen;



- 1        (2) The senior citizen is domiciled in Hawaii but the  
2        current location of the senior citizen is unknown;
- 3        (3) There is a reasonable suspicion that the senior  
4        citizen has an impaired mental condition, which can be  
5        proved by the family, legal guardian, or physician of  
6        the missing senior citizen; and
- 7        (4) Sufficient information is provided that indicates that  
8        the senior citizen's disappearance poses a credible  
9        threat to the health and safety of the senior citizen.

10       (c) The silver alert shall include all appropriate  
11 information provided by the respective county's police  
12 department, information that may lead to the safe recovery of  
13 the missing senior citizen, and a statement instructing any  
14 person with information related to the missing senior citizen to  
15 contact a local law enforcement agency and the contact  
16 information for that agency.

17       (d) For purposes of this section:

18       "Local law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement  
19 agency with jurisdiction over the investigation of a missing  
20 senior citizen.

21       "Senior citizen" means a person who is sixty-five years of  
22 age or older.



1        "Silver alert" means the countywide silver alert for  
2 missing senior citizens developed and implemented by this  
3 section."

4        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Silver Alert System; Senior Citizens; Safety; Missing Persons

**Description:**

Creates and implements a silver alert program to alert the public of any missing senior citizen with an impaired mental condition, to be operated concurrently with the Maile Amber Alert program. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB1983 HD1)

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