
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "child abuse record check"
3 to read as follows:

4 "Child abuse record check" means an examination of an
5 individual's child abuse confirmation history through:

- 6 (1) An initial name inquiry into the state child welfare
7 record files;
- 8 (2) Subsequent child abuse confirmation history checks for
9 new hires [~~and~~], rehires [~~+~~], and household members;
- 10 (3) [~~An annual~~] A name inquiry into state child welfare
11 record files [~~-~~]; and
- 12 (4) A name inquiry into other states' child abuse and
13 neglect registries in states where the individual has
14 resided during the past five years."

15 SECTION 2. Section 346-152.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:



1 "§346-152.5 ~~[Criminal history record checks, child abuse~~
2 ~~record checks, and adult abuse perpetrator checks]~~ Requirements
3 for persons exempt pursuant to section 346-152. (a) To be
4 eligible to provide child care ~~[and to receive]~~ for a child
5 whose family receives a child care subsidy from the department,
6 persons exempt pursuant to section 346-152 shall be required to
7 agree to [a]:

8 (1) A criminal history record check, a sex offender
9 registry check, a child abuse record check, and an
10 adult abuse perpetrator check in the same manner as a
11 prospective applicant or licensed provider in
12 accordance with section 346-154; provided that the
13 criminal history record check shall be limited to a
14 criminal history record check conducted through files
15 maintained by the Hawaii criminal justice data center
16 for the following relatives of the child who requires
17 care: grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts,
18 uncles, and siblings aged eighteen or older living in
19 a separate residence ~~[shall be required to agree to a~~
20 ~~criminal history record check conducted through files~~
21 ~~maintained by the Hawaii criminal justice data center,~~



1 ~~a child abuse record check, and an adult abuse~~
2 ~~perpetrator check.] ;~~

- 3 (2) Completion of a pre-service or orientation training
4 and ongoing training in health and safety topics; and
5 (3) Any monitoring inspection visits by the department or
6 its designee to determine compliance with minimum
7 health and safety standards at the location where
8 child care is being provided for a child whose family
9 receives a child care subsidy from the department,
10 including investigations by the department when the
11 department has received a report of health and safety
12 concerns.

13 (b) For the purposes of this section, "adult abuse
14 perpetrator check" means a search to determine whether an
15 individual is known to the department as a perpetrator of abuse
16 as defined in section 346-222, by means of a search of the
17 individual's name and birth date in the department's adult
18 protective services file."

19 SECTION 3. Section 346-153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:



1 " ~~[+]§346-153[+]~~ Records of deficiencies and complaints;
2 release to public. For every child care facility, the
3 department shall maintain records for the current and previous
4 two years of: results of its inspections; notifications to
5 providers of deficiencies; corrective action taken; complaints
6 of violations of rules adopted under this part; results of its
7 investigations; resolution of complaints; and suspensions,
8 revocations, reinstatements, restorations, and reissuances of
9 licenses, temporary permits, and registrations issued under this
10 part. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, ~~[such~~
11 ~~records]~~ the records described in this section shall be
12 available for inspection in the manner set forth in ~~[section 92-~~
13 ~~517]~~ chapter 92F and may be posted by the department on a public
14 website; provided that with respect to records of family child
15 care homes and group child care homes, sensitive personal
16 information, including home addresses, or information provided
17 to the department with the understanding that it would not be
18 publicly divulged shall be deleted or obliterated prior to
19 making the records available to the public. Nothing in this
20 section shall authorize the department to release the names of
21 or any other identifying information on complainants. The



1 department may withhold information on a complaint for which an
2 investigation is being conducted for not more than ten working
3 days following the date of filing of the complaint; provided
4 that if an investigation relates to an alleged criminal offense,
5 no information shall be released until the investigation has
6 been completed and the director has determined that no legal
7 proceeding will be jeopardized by its release."

8 SECTION 4. Section 346-154, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "§346-154 [~~Criminal history checks, child abuse record~~
11 ~~checks, and adult abuse perpetrator~~] Background checks. (a)

12 The department shall develop standards to ensure the reputable
13 and responsible character of an applicant to operate a child
14 care facility, prospective employees of the applicant, household
15 members, and new employees or household members of the provider
16 after registration or licensure, which shall include criminal
17 history record checks in accordance with section 846-2.7, sex
18 offender registry checks, child abuse record checks, and adult
19 abuse perpetrator checks.

20 For the purposes of this section, "adult abuse perpetrator
21 check" means a search to determine whether an individual is



1 known to the department as a perpetrator of abuse as defined in
2 section 346-222, by means of a search of the individual's name
3 and birth date in the department's adult protective services
4 file.

5 (b) An applicant to operate a child care facility shall:

6 (1) Be subject to criminal history record checks in
7 accordance with section 846-2.7;

8 (2) Submit to the department or its designee, under
9 penalty of law, statements signed by the applicant
10 [~~and~~], prospective employees of the applicant, and
11 household members of the applicant indicating whether
12 the applicant [~~or~~], any of the prospective employees,
13 or any of the household members has ever been
14 confirmed to have abused or neglected a child or
15 vulnerable adult, including threatened harm; and

16 (3) Provide consent to the department or its designee to
17 conduct a criminal history record check in accordance
18 with section 846-2.7, a sex offender registry check, a
19 child abuse record check, and an adult abuse
20 perpetrator check, and to obtain criminal history
21 information, sex offender registry information, child



1 abuse record information, and adult abuse perpetrator
2 information for verification.

3 (c) A provider shall:

4 (1) Be subject to criminal history record checks in
5 accordance with section 846-2.7[?] and sex offender
6 registry checks;

7 (2) Submit to the department or its designee a statement
8 signed by any household member or any employee hired
9 after the initial licensure or registration that
10 requires the household member or employee to indicate,
11 under penalty of law, whether the household member or
12 employee has ever been confirmed to have abused or
13 neglected a child or vulnerable adult, including
14 threatened harm; and

15 (3) Provide consent to the department or its designee to
16 conduct a criminal history record check in accordance
17 with section 846-2.7, a sex offender registry check, a
18 child abuse record check, and an adult abuse
19 perpetrator check, and to obtain criminal history
20 information, sex offender registry information, child



1 abuse record information, and adult abuse perpetrator
2 check information for verification.

3 (d) The department or its designee shall obtain [~~criminal~~]
4 information on the applicant, any household member, and any
5 prospective employee of the applicant, including any household
6 member or new employee retained after the applicant is issued a
7 registration or license under this part, from the following
8 sources:

9 (1) Criminal history record information through the Hawaii
10 criminal justice data center in accordance with
11 section 846-2.7[~~7~~];

12 (2) National and state sex offender registries; and
13 [~~child~~]

14 (3) Child abuse record information and adult abuse
15 perpetrator check information from the department in
16 accordance with departmental procedures [~~on the~~
17 ~~applicant and any prospective employee of the~~
18 ~~applicant, including any new employee retained after~~
19 ~~the applicant is issued a registration or license~~
20 ~~under this part, which shall include an annual name~~
21 ~~inquiry into the state criminal history record files].~~



1 (e) The department may deny an application for or revoke a
2 license or registration to operate a child care facility if:

3 (1) The applicant, a household member, or any prospective
4 employee has been convicted of a crime other than a
5 minor traffic violation involving a fine of \$50 or
6 less, or ever been confirmed to have abused or
7 neglected a child or vulnerable adult [~~including~~
8 ~~threatened harm~~]; [~~and~~] or

9 (2) The department finds that the criminal history,
10 history of registration as a sex offender, or child
11 abuse record or adult abuse perpetrator check record
12 of that applicant, household member, or prospective
13 employee indicates that the applicant, household
14 member, or prospective employee may pose a risk to the
15 health, safety, or well-being of children.

16 (f) The department may request the provider to terminate
17 the employment or residency of a new employee or household
18 member or may suspend or revoke the license or registration of
19 the provider who employs a new employee or who allows continued
20 residency of a household member if:



- 1 (1) The employee or household member has been convicted of
2 a crime other than a minor traffic violation involving
3 a fine of \$50 or less, or ever been confirmed to have
4 abused or neglected a child or vulnerable adult [~~or~~
5 ~~including threatened harm~~]; [and] or
- 6 (2) The department finds that the criminal history,
7 history of registration as a sex offender, or child
8 abuse record or adult abuse perpetrator check record
9 of the new employee or household member indicates that
10 the new employee or household member may pose a risk
11 to the health, safety, or well-being of children.
- 12 (g) The department shall deny an application for a license
13 or registration, shall request the provider to terminate the
14 employment or residency of a new employee or household member,
15 or shall suspend or revoke the license or registration of the
16 provider who employs a new employee or who allows continued
17 residency of a household member if the applicant, employee, or
18 household member:
- 19 (1) Refuses to consent to the background checks;
20 (2) Knowingly makes a materially false statement in
21 connection with the background checks; or



1 (3) Is registered, or required to be registered, on the .
2 national sex offender registry or any state sex
3 offender registry.

4 (h) The department or its designee, in obtaining and
5 relying upon the background check information, is presumed to be
6 acting in good faith and shall be immune from civil liability
7 for taking or recommending action based upon the background
8 check information. The presumption of good faith may be
9 rebutted upon a showing of proof by a preponderance of the
10 evidence that the department or its designee relied upon
11 information or opinion that it knew was false or misleading or
12 that such reliance was not reasonable."

13 SECTION 5. Section 846-2.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) Criminal history record checks may be conducted by:

16 (1) The department of health or its designee on operators
17 of adult foster homes for individuals with
18 developmental disabilities or developmental
19 disabilities domiciliary homes and their employees, as
20 provided by section 321-15.2;



- 1 (2) The department of health or its designee on
2 prospective employees, persons seeking to serve as
3 providers, or subcontractors in positions that place
4 them in direct contact with clients when providing
5 non-witnessed direct mental health or health care
6 services as provided by section 321-171.5;
- 7 (3) The department of health or its designee on all
8 applicants for licensure or certification for,
9 operators for, prospective employees, adult
10 volunteers, and all adults, except adults in care, at
11 health care facilities as defined in section 321-15.2;
- 12 (4) The department of education on employees, prospective
13 employees, and teacher trainees in any public school
14 in positions that necessitate close proximity to
15 children as provided by section 302A-601.5;
- 16 (5) The counties on employees and prospective employees
17 who may be in positions that place them in close
18 proximity to children in recreation or child care
19 programs and services;
- 20 (6) The county liquor commissions on applicants for liquor
21 licenses as provided by section 281-53.5;



- 1 (7) The county liquor commissions on employees and
2 prospective employees involved in liquor
3 administration, law enforcement, and liquor control
4 investigations;
- 5 (8) The department of human services on operators and
6 employees of child caring institutions, child placing
7 organizations, and foster boarding homes as provided
8 by section 346-17;
- 9 (9) The department of human services on prospective
10 adoptive parents as established under section
11 346-19.7;
- 12 (10) The department of human services or its designee on
13 applicants to operate child care facilities, household
14 members of the applicant, prospective employees of the
15 applicant, and new employees and household members of
16 the provider after registration or licensure as
17 provided by section 346-154 [7], and persons subject to
18 the provisions of section 346-152.5;
- 19 (11) The department of human services on persons exempt
20 pursuant to section 346-152 to be eligible to provide



- 1 child care and receive child care subsidies as
2 provided by section 346-152.5;
- 3 (12) The department of health on operators and employees of
4 home and community-based case management agencies and
5 operators and other adults, except for adults in care,
6 residing in community care foster family homes as
7 provided by section 321-15.2;
- 8 (13) The department of human services on staff members of
9 the Hawaii youth correctional facility as provided by
10 section 352-5.5;
- 11 (14) The department of human services on employees,
12 prospective employees, and volunteers of contracted
13 providers and subcontractors in positions that place
14 them in close proximity to youth when providing
15 services on behalf of the office or the Hawaii youth
16 correctional facility as provided by section 352D-4.3;
- 17 (15) The judiciary on employees and applicants at detention
18 and shelter facilities as provided by section 571-34;
- 19 (16) The department of public safety on employees and
20 prospective employees who are directly involved with
21 the treatment and care of persons committed to a



- 1 correctional facility or who possess police powers
2 including the power of arrest as provided by section
3 353C-5;
- 4 (17) The board of private detectives and guards on
5 applicants for private detective or private guard
6 licensure as provided by section 463-9;
- 7 (18) Private schools and designated organizations on
8 employees and prospective employees who may be in
9 positions that necessitate close proximity to
10 children; provided that private schools and designated
11 organizations receive only indications of the states
12 from which the national criminal history record
13 information was provided pursuant to section 302C-1;
- 14 (19) The public library system on employees and prospective
15 employees whose positions place them in close
16 proximity to children as provided by section
17 302A-601.5;
- 18 (20) The State or any of its branches, political
19 subdivisions, or agencies on applicants and employees
20 holding a position that has the same type of contact
21 with children, vulnerable adults, or persons committed



- 1 to a correctional facility as other public employees
2 who hold positions that are authorized by law to
3 require criminal history record checks as a condition
4 of employment as provided by section 78-2.7;
- 5 (21) The department of health on licensed adult day care
6 center operators, employees, new employees,
7 subcontracted service providers and their employees,
8 and adult volunteers as provided by section 321-15.2;
- 9 (22) The department of human services on purchase of
10 service contracted and subcontracted service providers
11 and their employees serving clients of the adult
12 protective and community services branch, as provided
13 by section 346-97;
- 14 (23) The department of human services on foster grandparent
15 program, senior companion program, and respite
16 companion program participants as provided by section
17 346-97;
- 18 (24) The department of human services on contracted and
19 subcontracted service providers and their current and
20 prospective employees that provide home and community-
21 based services under section 1915(c) of the Social



1 Security Act, title 42 United States Code section
2 1396n(c), or under any other applicable section or
3 sections of the Social Security Act for the purposes
4 of providing home and community-based services, as
5 provided by section 346-97;

6 (25) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
7 proposed directors and executive officers of a bank,
8 savings bank, savings and loan association, trust
9 company, and depository financial services loan
10 company as provided by section 412:3-201;

11 (26) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
12 proposed directors and executive officers of a
13 nondepository financial services loan company as
14 provided by section 412:3-301;

15 (27) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on the
16 original chartering applicants and proposed executive
17 officers of a credit union as provided by section
18 412:10-103;

19 (28) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:
20 (A) Each principal of every non-corporate applicant
21 for a money transmitter license; and



- 1 (B) The executive officers, key shareholders, and
2 managers in charge of a money transmitter's
3 activities of every corporate applicant for a
4 money transmitter license,
5 as provided by sections 489D-9 and 489D-15;
- 6 (29) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
7 applicants for licensure and persons licensed under
8 title 24;
- 9 (30) The Hawaii health systems corporation on:
- 10 (A) Employees;
- 11 (B) Applicants seeking employment;
- 12 (C) Current or prospective members of the corporation
13 board or regional system board; or
- 14 (D) Current or prospective volunteers, providers, or
15 contractors,
16 in any of the corporation's health facilities as
17 provided by section 323F-5.5;
- 18 (31) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:
- 19 (A) An applicant for a mortgage loan originator
20 license; and



- 1 (B) Each control person, executive officer, director,
2 general partner, and manager of an applicant for
3 a mortgage loan originator company license,
4 as provided by chapter 454F;
- 5 (32) The state public charter school commission or public
6 charter schools on employees, teacher trainees,
7 prospective employees, and prospective teacher
8 trainees in any public charter school for any position
9 that places them in close proximity to children, as
10 provided in section 302D-33;
- 11 (33) The counties on prospective employees who work with
12 children, vulnerable adults, or senior citizens in
13 community-based programs;
- 14 (34) The counties on prospective employees for fire
15 department positions which involve contact with
16 children or vulnerable adults;
- 17 (35) The counties on prospective employees for emergency
18 medical services positions which involve contact with
19 children or vulnerable adults;
- 20 (36) The counties on prospective employees for emergency
21 management positions and community volunteers whose



1 responsibilities involve planning and executing
2 homeland security measures including viewing,
3 handling, and engaging in law enforcement or
4 classified meetings and assisting vulnerable citizens
5 during emergencies or crises;

6 (37) The State and counties on employees, prospective
7 employees, volunteers, and contractors whose position
8 responsibilities require unescorted access to secured
9 areas and equipment related to a traffic management
10 center;

11 (38) The State and counties on employees and prospective
12 employees whose positions involve the handling or use
13 of firearms for other than law enforcement purposes;

14 (39) The State and counties on current and prospective
15 systems analysts and others involved in an agency's
16 information technology operation whose position
17 responsibilities provide them with access to
18 proprietary, confidential, or sensitive information;

19 (40) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
20 applicants for real estate appraiser licensure or
21 certification as provided by chapter 466K;



1 (41) The department of health or its designee on all
2 license applicants, licensees, employees, contractors,
3 and prospective employees of medical marijuana
4 dispensaries, and individuals permitted to enter and
5 remain in medical marijuana dispensary facilities as
6 provided under sections 329D-15(a)(4) and 329D-
7 16(a)(3); and

8 (42) Any other organization, entity, or the State, its
9 branches, political subdivisions, or agencies as may
10 be authorized by state law."

11 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.



Report Title:

Child Care Providers; Background Checks; Health and Safety

Description:

Brings state law into alignment with changes to the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant, P.L. 113-186. Requires DHS to conduct background checks, including sex offender registry checks, on household members and all employees of child care facilities and providers that are licensed or registered by or receive subsidies from the State, to set health and safety standards, and enforce requirements. (HB2343 HD2)

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