
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the reporting of
2 comprehensive crime data is important to criminal justice
3 agencies, elected officials, crime prevention groups, and the
4 general public. The Federal Bureau of Investigation's uniform
5 crime reporting program generates these reports and, in Hawaii,
6 the program is administered by the crime prevention and justice
7 assistance division's research and statistics branch of the
8 department of the attorney general. The attorney general's
9 primary sources of data are the county police departments, but
10 the counties have not always been able to provide the necessary
11 information in a timely manner. Although more than sixty-six
12 per cent of states mandate the reporting of crime statistics,
13 Hawaii does not. The United States Department of Justice is
14 taking steps to ensure timely and accurate crime reporting, and
15 it is critical that the State similarly ensures prompt and
16 complete reporting.

17 The purpose of this Act is to assist the attorney general
18 in the reporting of critical criminal justice data and to



1 clarify the responsibilities of county police departments and
2 state and county agencies with powers of arrest to provide all
3 necessary data in a timely manner.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 846, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§846- Statistical crime reporting responsibility of
8 county chiefs of police and state and county agencies. The
9 chiefs of police of the counties and state and county agencies
10 having the power of arrest shall provide to the attorney general
11 crime incident reports and any other information regarding
12 crimes committed within their respective jurisdictions as
13 necessary for the attorney general to operate a statewide crime
14 reporting program and to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of
15 Investigation's uniform crime reporting program. The reports
16 and information shall be submitted to the attorney general in
17 the manner, form, and time schedule as the attorney general may
18 prescribe.

19 The attorney general may audit the reporting entities to
20 determine the accuracy of the reports and other information
21 required by this section."



- 1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Criminal Justice Data; Crime Reporting

Description:

Requires the Chiefs of Police and state and county agencies that have the power of arrest to report crime incident reports and other crime information to the Attorney General. (HB2671 CD1)

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