
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that research strongly
2 indicates that domestic violence is one of the more predominant
3 social issues for Hawaii. Protecting those exposed to domestic
4 violence and providing effective intervention responses are
5 essential to public safety and the welfare of domestic violence
6 victims; however, there is no consistency amongst agencies who
7 intervene in domestic violence situations regarding the level of
8 training personnel receive to ensure proper domestic violence
9 intervention. A sufficient understanding of the complexity of
10 domestic violence situations and appropriate responses is
11 necessary for victims to receive proper attention and support
12 and for perpetrators to be properly restrained. Therefore, the
13 legislature further finds it is appropriate to require training
14 on domestic violence intervention for those state and county
15 employees who act as interveners in domestic violence
16 situations, including but not limited to judges, firefighters,
17 emergency medical services personnel, and law enforcement.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§46- Domestic abuse intervention; personnel training
5 requirements. (a) Beginning on January 1, 2017, any county
6 agency that employs personnel whose job duties require or may
7 require intervention in any domestic abuse situation shall
8 provide such personnel with a minimum of eight hours of training
9 regarding domestic abuse intervention. Such personnel includes
10 but is not limited to law enforcement officers, firefighters,
11 and emergency medical services personnel.

12 (b) For the purposes of this section, "domestic abuse"
13 shall have the same meaning as in section 586-1."

14 SECTION 3. Chapter 586, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
16 and to read as follows:

17 "§586- Domestic abuse intervention; personnel training
18 requirements. Beginning on January 1, 2017, any state agency
19 that employs personnel whose job duties require or may require
20 intervention in any domestic abuse situation shall provide such
21 personnel with a minimum of eight hours of training regarding



1 domestic abuse intervention. Such personnel includes but is not
2 limited to judges, attorneys, or representatives of the court
3 who are involved in an action relating to domestic abuse."

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
7 the domestic abuse intervention training required by this Act.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii state
9 commission on the status of women for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.



Report Title:

Domestic Violence; Training; Intervention; Appropriation

Description:

Requires any state or county agency who employs personnel whose job duties require or may require intervention in a domestic violence situation to provide such employees with a minimum of eight hours of domestic violence intervention training. Makes an appropriation. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD2)

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