
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHILDREN.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of human services, in
2 consultation with the Na Kupuna Tribunal, shall convene a
3 working group to:

4 (1) Determine how the Na Kupuna Tribunal can best assist
5 the courts and child protective services regarding the
6 placement of Native Hawaiian children who have been
7 removed from their homes;

8 (2) Determine how the Na Kupuna Tribunal can best assist
9 Native Hawaiian children who have been removed from
10 their homes; and

11 (3) Review the manner in which courts handle child custody
12 cases involving Native Hawaiian children.

13 (b) The working group may include but shall not be limited
14 to the representatives of the following:

15 (1) The office of Hawaiian affairs;

16 (2) The Hawaii Foster Parent Association;

17 (3) The Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition;

18 (4) The Hawaii Youth Services Network;



- 1 (5) The attorney general, or designee;
- 2 (6) HCAP Leeward District;
- 3 (7) Na Kupuna O Waianae;
- 4 (8) The Legacy Coalition;
- 5 (9) Na Kupuna O Kahana;
- 6 (10) Hawaii State Bar Association;
- 7 (11) EPIC Ohana;
- 8 (12) Partners in Development Foundation;
- 9 (13) Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center;
- 10 (14) Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; and
- 11 (15) Any other individuals or organizations the department
- 12 of human services deems necessary.

13 (c) The department of human services shall submit a report
14 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
15 convening of the regular session of 2016 on its findings and
16 recommended legislation.

17 (d) The working group shall terminate upon adjournment
18 sine die of the regular session of 2016.

19 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Native Hawaiians; Child Welfare; Child Custody; Na Kupuna Tribunal; Working Group

Description:

Directs the department of human services to convene a working group to determine how the Na Kupuna Tribunal can best assist the courts, child protective services, and Native Hawaiian children. (SD1)

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