
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that electronic tracking
2 systems may keep victims of sexual assaults informed of the
3 status of the sexual assault evidence collected by law
4 enforcement. In an effort to ensure that these victims are
5 notified of their rights under the law, the legislature enacted
6 Act 113, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018. Among other things, Act
7 113 requires each county police department to establish an
8 electronic tracking system for sexual assault evidence
9 collection kits no later than January 1, 2020. The legislature
10 notes that the county police departments, in coordination with
11 the Hawaii Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, have been working with
12 the Portland police department to implement the sexual assault
13 management system, or SAMS, a tracking system developed by the
14 Portland police department. However, the legislature recognizes
15 that due to various operational and technical issues, the police
16 departments were unable to implement SAMS by January 1, 2020.
17 Because of the difficulties in implementation of SAMS, the



1 police departments are now working with the department of the
2 attorney general and the Portland police department to utilize
3 SAMS-Track, a simplified version of SAMS that may not have the
4 same implementation issues, and may be established as a single
5 statewide system, rather than four independent county systems.
6 Therefore, the legislature believes that an extension of the
7 January 1, 2020, deadline is necessary.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to change the
9 deadline for each county police department to adopt and utilize
10 an electronic tracking system for sexual assault evidence
11 collection kits.

12 SECTION 2. Section 844G-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14 "(a) No later than [~~January 1, 2020,~~] _____, each
15 county shall [~~establish~~] adopt and utilize an electronic
16 tracking system for sexual assault evidence collection kits. At
17 a minimum, each system shall:

18 (1) Track the status of sexual assault evidence collection
19 kits from the specimen collection site to final
20 storage or disposal, including but not limited to the
21 initial collection, inventory, and storage by law



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1 enforcement agencies or accredited and approved DNA
2 laboratories; analysis at accredited and approved DNA
3 laboratories; and storage or disposal after completion
4 of analysis;

5 (2) Allow all entities, approved by the department, that
6 collect, receive, maintain, store, or preserve sexual
7 assault evidence collection kits to update the status
8 and location of the kits; and

9 (3) Allow victims of sexual assault to access the system
10 for the location and status of their respective sexual
11 assault evidence collection kits."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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