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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the judiciary  
2 for administrative purposes a task force to determine existing  
3 diversion programs statewide that can assist the State's youth,  
4 including providing access to and linkage with services. The  
5 judiciary shall work in collaboration with the office of youth  
6 services in administrating the task force.
- 7           (b) The task force shall be co-chaired by the chief  
8 justice of the Hawaii supreme court and the executive director  
9 of the office of youth services, or their respective designees,  
10 and shall consist of the following members or their designees:
- 11           (1) Executive director of Hawaii Youth Services Network;  
12           (2) Executive director of Hawaii Children's Action  
13                 Network;  
14           (3) Executive director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center;  
15                 and  
16           (4) Executive director of PHOCUSED.



1 Members of the task force may recommend additional members  
2 with appropriate specialized expertise to the task force,  
3 subject to the approval by the co-chairpersons.

4 (c) The task force shall determine existing diversion  
5 programs statewide that can assist the State's youth, including  
6 providing access to and linkage with services that provide:

- 7 (1) Domestic violence prevention or reduction;
- 8 (2) Violence and trauma recovery and support;
- 9 (3) Human trafficking resources and prevention;
- 10 (4) Suicide prevention;
- 11 (5) Resources targeted at teenagers, including teen  
12 pregnancy prevention;
- 13 (6) Tobacco cessation;
- 14 (7) Alcohol and substance abuse support;
- 15 (8) Assistance for youth to achieve their educational and  
16 vocational goals; and
- 17 (9) Other relationship-building and life skills.

18 (d) Members of the task force shall serve without  
19 compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses, including  
20 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.



1 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
2 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the regular  
4 session of 2020.

5 (f) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2020.

6 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Keiki Caucus; Judiciary; Office of Youth Services; Youth Services; Programs; Task Force

**Description:**

Requires the Judiciary to collaborate with the Office of Youth Services to establish a task force to determine existing diversion programs statewide that can assist the State's youth.  
(SB1019 HD1)

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