
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§28- Silver alert program. (a) The department of the
5 attorney general, with the cooperation of each respective
6 county's police department, local broadcasters, and other
7 relevant and appropriate state and county agencies, shall
8 develop and implement a statewide silver alert program to be
9 activated on behalf of a missing senior citizen in the
10 appropriate county. To the greatest extent possible, the silver
11 alert program shall be integrated with the minor abducted in
12 life-threatening emergency/America's broadcast emergency
13 response (MAILE/AMBER alert) program.

14 (b) A silver alert shall be issued if the following
15 criteria are met:

16 (1) A county police department receives a credible report
17 that a senior citizen with dementia is missing;



1 (2) The senior citizen is domiciled in Hawaii, but the
2 current location of the senior citizen is unknown; and

3 (3) Sufficient information is provided that indicates that
4 the senior citizen's disappearance poses a credible
5 threat to the health and safety of the senior citizen.

6 (c) The silver alert shall include all appropriate
7 information provided by the respective county's police
8 department, information that may lead to the safe recovery of
9 the missing senior citizen, and a statement instructing any
10 person with information related to the missing senior citizen to
11 contact a local law enforcement agency and the contact
12 information for that agency.

13 (d) For purposes of this section:

14 "Dementia" means an irreversible condition affecting an
15 individual's intellectual abilities and memory, including
16 Alzheimer's disease, to the extent that the individual is unable
17 to return to their place of living without assistance.

18 "Local law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement
19 agency with jurisdiction over the investigation of a missing
20 senior citizen.



1 "Senior citizen" means a person who is sixty-five years of
2 age or older.

3 "Silver alert" means the countywide alert for missing
4 senior citizens developed and implemented pursuant to this
5 section."

6 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Silver Alert Program; Senior Citizens

Description:

Creates and implements a silver alert program to alert the public of any missing senior citizen with dementia, to be integrated with the MAILE/AMBER alert program. (SD1)

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