



GOV. MSG. NO. 1117

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

APR 27 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on **APR 27 2022**, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2114

RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE  
PROGRAM.  
**ACT 017**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 017**  
**S.B. NO. 2114**

JAN 19 2022

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE PROGRAM.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 588-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3       "(b) The ~~[purpose]~~ purposes of the program shall be to:

4       (1) Develop, achieve, and maintain interagency and  
5 interprofessional cooperation and coordination in the  
6 investigation of and ~~[ease]~~ management of  
7 ~~[intrafamilial and extrafamilial]~~ cases involving  
8 suspected or confirmed:

9       (A) Victims of child sex abuse [and], serious  
10       physical child abuse [eases], child sex  
11       trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation of  
12       children, and other child maltreatment; and

13       (B) Child witnesses to crime or violence;

14       (2) Facilitate in an impartial manner the professional  
15 gathering of information by public and private  
16 agencies and their providers for court proceedings  
17 involving child victims and witnesses;



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- 1           (3) Reduce to the absolute minimum the number of  
2           interviews of child [~~sex abuse~~] victims and witnesses  
3           so as to minimize revictimization of the child;
- 4           (4) Coordinate the therapeutic and treatment program for  
5           child [~~sex abuse~~] victims and witnesses and their  
6           families;
- 7           (5) Provide for a multidisciplinary team and case  
8           management approach [~~which is focused first, on the~~  
9           ~~alleged or suspected child sex abuse victim's needs~~  
10          ~~and conditions,~~] that focuses on the needs of, first,  
11          the child victim or witness; second, [~~on the~~] family  
12          members who are supportive of the child and whose  
13          interests are consistent with the best interests of  
14          the child; and third, [~~on~~] law enforcement and  
15          [~~prosecutorial needs,~~] prosecuting agencies;
- 16          (6) Provide for the training and continuing education of  
17          skilled professional interviewers of child [~~sex abuse~~]  
18          victims[+] and witnesses; and
- 19          (7) Serve as the focus of information and referral for  
20          child [~~sex abuse~~] victim and witness programs."



SECTION 2. Section 588-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**"§588-4 Duties of the director.** The director shall:

- (1) Enter into agreements with police departments, departments of the prosecuting attorneys and county corporation counsels, the departments of the attorney general, health, and human services, and other public and private agencies, including agreements for the temporary assignment of appropriate personnel from each agency to the program;
- (2) Enter into contracts for the provision of specialized training and continuing education for interviewers of child [~~sex-abuse~~] victims and [~~child~~] witnesses from both public and private agencies and providers;
- (3) Arrange for interviews of child [~~sex-abuse~~] victims and [~~child~~] witnesses in an appropriate setting;
- (4) Promote interagency cooperation and coordination, including information sharing and gathering, among the public and private agencies and their providers that deliver investigative, case management, and therapeutic services;



- (5) Coordinate the flow of information between the agencies responsible for criminal prosecution and the agencies responsible for protective action in civil proceedings, including those professionals providing services to children and their families;
- (6) Arrange for the exchange of information, to include statistical data from public and private agencies involved in child [sex-abuse] victims' and witnesses' programs and issues;
- (7) Develop recommendations and plans for action to assist the public and private agencies involved in cases of child ~~[sex-abuse and serious physical child abuse,]~~ victims and witnesses; and
- (8) Prepare and maintain records and reports for the program."

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

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

APPROVED this 27 day of April, 2022

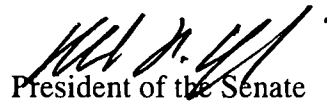



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: March 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
President of the Senate


  
Clerk of the Senate

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: APR 08 2022  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
Speaker, House of Representatives

  
Clerk, House of Representatives