

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MILITARY.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the state
2 department of defense for administrative purposes the advisory
3 council for sexual trauma in the Hawaii national guard. The
4 council shall:

5 (1) Review best practices for the prevention of and
6 response to sexual assault and sexual harassment
7 within a military environment including best practices
8 for assisting state law enforcement with the
9 prosecution of offenders;

10 (2) Compile a directory of resources available to assist
11 victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment who are
12 current or former members of the Hawaii national
13 guard;

14 (3) Make recommendations for a financial assistance
15 program for current and former members of the Hawaii
16 national guard who were victims of sexual assault or
17 sexual harassment while members of the Hawaii national



- 1 guard and who are involved in state or civil court
2 proceedings related to the sexual assault or sexual
3 harassment to cover their traveling expenses from
4 their participation in those proceedings; and
- 5 (4) Work with sexual abuse or sexual harassment
6 organizations for the provision of advocacy and
7 support services to members of the Hawaii national
8 guard and their family members who are victims of
9 sexual assault or sexual harassment;
- 10 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:
- 11 (1) The adjutant general who shall serve as the chair of
12 the council;
- 13 (2) A representative from the department of the attorney
14 general;
- 15 (3) A representative from the department or office of the
16 prosecuting attorney for each county;
- 17 (4) A representative from each of the county police
18 departments;
- 19 (5) A representative from the judiciary;
- 20 (6) A representative from the Hawaii national guard; and



1 (7) Representatives from sexual assault or sexual
2 harassment organizations, to be invited by the chair.

3 (c) The members of the council shall serve without
4 compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,
5 including travel expenses, in the performance of their duties on
6 the council.

7 (d) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of
8 the regular session of 2025 and each regular session thereafter,
9 the council shall submit a report to the legislature that shall
10 include:

11 (1) Data relating to all reported incidents of sexual
12 assault and sexual harassment within the Hawaii
13 national guard in each of the preceding ten years
14 including information on the current status of victims
15 and the outcome of any state or federal criminal
16 proceedings arising out of those incidents to the
17 extent that the sharing of that data and information
18 is not prohibited by federal law and can be presented
19 in a way that does not identify and cannot be used
20 with other information to identify any victim of
21 sexual assault or sexual harassment;

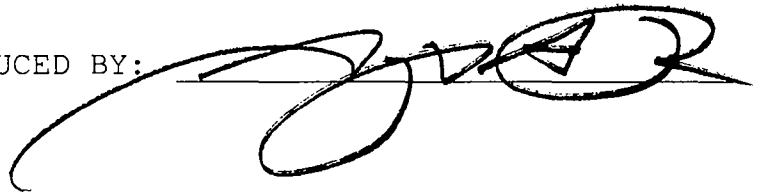


- 1 (2) A description of all sexual assault and sexual
2 harassment prevention training provided to members of
3 the Hawaii national guard in the preceding year;
- 4 (3) A description of the current practices and procedures
5 for the prevention of sexual assault and sexual
6 harassment and investigation of and disciplinary
7 actions taken in response to reports of sexual assault
8 and sexual harassment in the Hawaii national guard;
9 and
- 10 (4) A summary of the activities of the council during the
11 preceding year.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 2485

Report Title:

Sexual Harassment; Sexual Assault; Hawaii National Guard;
Advisory Council; Report to the Legislature

Description:

Establishes the advisory council for sexual trauma in the Hawaii national guard. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.

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