

ACT 361

S.B. NO. 1321

A Bill for an Act Relating to Violent Behavior.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is an alarming increase in the amount of violent acts committed against citizens in the State. The purpose of this bill is to require the office of state planning to develop a statewide plan to control violent behavior, which shall include a review of existing statutes and the proposal of new legislation as well as the creation of new programs and research.

SECTION 2. (a) The office of state planning shall plan, develop, and coordinate a program for the provision of services to control violent behavior. The areas of concern shall include:

- (1) Victims of sexual abuse, child abuse, and family violence;
- (2) Battering spouses, sex-offenders, child abusers; and
- (3) Elderly victims.

(b) The office shall:

- (1) Review existing criminal statutes, formulate policies to substantiate statutory revisions, and draft proposed legislation;
- (2) Conduct research and develop programs for implementation;
- (3) Develop, evaluate, and provide technical assistance for a coordinated statewide plan to control violent behavior; and
- (4) Assist the county police departments by developing and providing access to training and resources to deal with domestic violence, sex abuse, and child abuse.

(c) The office, to the extent possible, shall coordinate its statewide plan with existing services.

SECTION 3. The office of state planning shall submit its findings, including a status report on the statewide plan and recommendations, to the legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 1990. A final report on the statewide plan shall be submitted to the legislature at least twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 1991.

SECTION 4. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the

legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1989-1990 to be exceeded by \$100,000, or 0.0043 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1989-1990, to carry out the purposes of this Act, including the creation of two staff positions.

SECTION 6. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of state planning for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved June 19, 1989.)