

## ACT 68

H.B. NO. 1984

A Bill for an Act Relating to Conviction Data.

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

SECTION 1. The judicial council, established pursuant to section 601-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, through a review committee shall investigate the current status of internet access to state criminal conviction data and recommend to the legislature action necessary to protect offenders balanced against the public interest in access to criminal conviction data. The review committee shall include representatives from:

- (1) The judiciary;
- (2) The attorney general;
- (3) The office of the public defender; and
- (4) The American Civil Liberties Union.

The review committee shall investigate the current status of:

- (1) Methods and sources for collecting criminal conviction data made available over the internet;
- (2) The extent to which the public is granted internet access to criminal conviction data, and whether further limitations on internet access to this data is necessary to ensure proper uses of the data, such as promoting public safety;
- (3) The methods by which the public may conduct internet searches for criminal conviction data, including search engines and other means of sorting data by category; and
- (4) Any other relevant issues concerning internet access to criminal conviction data.

The investigation of the review committee shall not include a review of the sex offender registry pursuant to chapter 846E.

The review committee shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, together with any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2007.

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

(Approved May 2, 2006.)