# **ACT 190**

S.B. NO. 1113

A Bill for an Act Relating to Background Checks.

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

#### PART I

SECTION 1. Section 321-15.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**"§321-15.2** [Criminal history-record checks.] <u>Background checks.</u> (a) For the purposes of this section:

"Adults" means individuals aged eighteen years or older.

"Applicant" means a person or entity seeking licensure or certification to operate a healthcare facility. If the applicant is an entity, the term "applicant" shall also include its principals, directors, partners, managers, agents, and representatives to the extent that any of these individuals will have access to or contact with clients, their finances, assets, personal property, medical records, or individually identifiable information.

"Background check" means a review of records stored in state or national record repositories for history of abuse, neglect, threatened harm, or other maltreatment against children or adults, and for any criminal history, including:

(1) Adult abuse perpetrator records by means of a search of the individual's name and birth date in the state adult protective services central registry of reported cases established in section 346-224;

(2) Child abuse and neglect records by means of:

- (A) An initial name inquiry in the state child welfare record files;
  (B) A subsequent child abuse confirmation history check for new hires and rehires; and
- (C) An annual name inquiry into state child welfare record files;
- (3) Criminal history records in accordance with section 846-2.7;

(4) Sex offender registry records:

- (5) Certified nurse aide registry for information or findings pursuant to section 457A-3; and
- (6) Adult abuse perpetrator records, child abuse and neglect records, criminal history records, sex offender registry records, and certified nurse aide registry records of another state where a prospective employee or adult volunteer previously resided.

"Conviction for a relevant crime" means any federal or state conviction for any relevant crime as defined in this section.

"Criminal history record name inquiry" means a record check by name for any federal or state conviction for any relevant crime as defined in this section.

"Department" means the department of health.

"Direct patient access employee" means any individual, including a volunteer, who has access to a patient or resident of a healthcare facility, or any provider through employment or through an agreement or contract with such a facility or provider. Such individuals include but are not limited to: physicians, nurses, nursing assistants, home health aides, therapists, activities personnel, and support staff (i.e., housekeeping, dietary, etc.) who have direct access to patients or patient belongings.

"Disqualifying information" means a conviction for a relevant crime or a

finding of patient or resident abuse.

"Healthcare facility" means a facility [or], setting [where a frail, elderly, or disabled adult receives care], or agency licensed or certified by the department of health that provides mental health or health care services or [is provided] living accommodations to individuals, such as a skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, adult residential care home, expanded adult residential care home, assisted living facility, home health agency, home care agency, hospice, adult day health center, special treatment facility, therapeutic living program, intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities, hospital, rural health center, community care foster family home, home and community-based case management agency, adult day care center, developmental disabilities domiciliary home, adult foster home for individuals with developmental disabilities, community mental health center, and rehabilitation agency.

"Name inquiry" means a criminal history record check conducted by using the name and other identifying information of the individual, in lieu of a

fingerprint check.

"Operator" means an individual or entity that is licensed or is seeking licensure to operate a healthcare facility and is responsible for the management and overall operations of that healthcare facility.

"Relevant crime" means:

(1) Any offense described in 42 United States Code §1320a-7 (section 1128(a) of the Social Security Act); or

- (2) A crime of such a serious nature or circumstance that the department finds its perpetrator to pose a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of a patient or resident. This includes but is not limited to murder, manslaughter, assault, sex offenses, domestic violence, theft or forgery, arson, kidnapping, or possession, use, sale, manufacture, or distribution of dangerous drugs or controlled substances.
- (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to ensure the reputable and responsible character of all prospective applicants, operators, direct patient access employees, and adult volunteers of a healthcare facility, and, in the case of any healthcare facility operated in a private residence, all adults living in the home other than the clients. These rules, among other things, shall specify how the department or [the department's] its designee may conduct [eriminal history record cheeks in accordance with section 846-2.7-] background checks in accordance with this section.

(c) All applicants and prospective operators shall:

- Be subject to [eriminal history record checks in accordance with section 846-2.7;
- (2) Authorize the disclosure to the department or the department's designee of criminal history record information;

- (3) Sign a waiver form stating that the department or the department's designee shall not be liable to the applicant or prospective operator; and
- (4) Consent to be fingerprinted for the purpose of requesting criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Hawaii criminal justice data center.] background checks; and
- (2) Provide consent to the department or its designee to conduct background checks.
- (d) All prospective direct patient access employees and adult volunteers of healthcare facilities and, in the case of any healthcare facility operated in a private residence, all adults living in the home other than the clients shall:

(1) Consent to be fingerprinted;

- (2) Provide all-necessary information for the purpose of enabling the department or the department's designee to conduct the criminal history record checks; and
- (3) Sign a waiver-form stating that the department or the department's designee shall not be liable to the employee or volunteer.
- (1) Be subject to background checks in accordance with this section; and
- (2) Provide consent to the department or its designee to conduct background checks.
- (e) [The department or the department's designee may request criminal history record information which includes Federal Bureau of Investigation data through the Hawaii criminal justice data center on all prospective applicants, operators, direct patient access employees, and adult volunteers of healthcare facilities. In addition, in the case of any healthcare facility to be operated in a private residence, the department of health or the department's designee may request criminal history record information which includes Federal Bureau of Investigation data through the Hawaii criminal justice data center for all adults residing in the home who are not clients.] The department or its designee shall obtain background check information in accordance with this section from an applicant or operator, on the applicant or operator, and on any prospective employees of the applicant or operator including any new employee retained after the applicant is issued a license or certificate under this part, which shall include an annual name inquiry into state criminal history record files.
- (f) [The-department-or-the-department's-designee-shall-make-a-name inquiry-into-the-criminal-history-records-or-conduct-criminal-history-record checks-of-all-prospective-applicants, operators, direct-patient-access-employees, and adult-volunteers at the healthcare facility, and, in the case of any healthcare facility operated-in-a-private-residence, all-adults-living-in-the-home-other-than the clients.
- (g)] The department may revoke or suspend a current license [3] or certificate, impose penalties or fines, or deny an application for a license or certificate under rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91 if the applicant, operator, employee, or adult volunteer at the healthcare facility or, in the case of any healthcare facility operated in a private residence, any adult living in the home other than the client[, refuses to authorize the department or the department's designee to conduct a criminal history record check, obtain criminal history record information for verification, or consent to be fingerprinted. In addition, the department may revoke or suspend a current license, impose penalties or fines, or deny an application for a license if the applicant, operator, direct patient access employee, or adult volunteer at the healthcare facility, or, in the case of a healthcare facility operated in a private residence, any adult living in the home other than the

client, has any disqualifying information. The department may also revoke or suspend a current-license, impose penalties or fines, or deny an application for a license if the department determines, based upon consideration of the criminal history information, that the applicant, operator, direct patient access employee, or adult volunteer at the healthcare facility, or, in the case of a healthcare facility operated in a private residence, any adult living in the home other than the client, is unsuitable to work or live in close proximity to the residents of the healthcare facility such that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the healthcare facility could be at risk.]:

Refuses to authorize the department or its designee to conduct a background check, refuses to authorize the department or its designee to obtain background check record information for verification, or refuses consent to be fingerprinted;

Refuses or fails to submit to the department or its designee information required to perform a background check;

(3) Has any disqualifying information; or

Has any background check information that the department finds may pose a risk to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents or patients of the health care facility.

[(h) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for purposes of this section, the department shall be exempt from section 831-3.1 and need not conduct investigations, notifications, or hearings under this section in accordance with chapter 91.

(i) (g) The fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Hawaii criminal justice data center to perform criminal history record checks may be passed on to all applicants, operators, direct patient access employees, and adult volunteers at the healthcare facility and, in the case of a facility operated in a private residence, all adults living in the home other than the clients.

[(j) The department, or the department's designee, in obtaining and relying upon the criminal history record checks, is presumed to be acting in good faith and shall be immune from civil liability for taking or recommending action based upon the criminal history record information. The good-faith-presumption may be rebutted upon a showing by the person or entity of a lack of good faith, and proof by a preponderance of the evidence, that the department relied upon information or opinion that it knew was false or misleading.

(k) (h) The department or its designee, in obtaining and relying upon the background check information, is presumed to be acting in good faith and shall be immune from civil liability for taking or recommending action based upon the background check information. The presumption of good faith may be rebutted upon a showing of proof by a preponderance of the evidence that the department or its designee relied upon information or opinion that it knew was

false or misleading or that such reliance was not reasonable.

Any applicant or operator who receives information from the department or [the-department's] its designee relating to a [criminal-history record] background check of a direct patient access employee or adult volunteer or, in the case of a healthcare facility operated in a private residence, an adult living in the home other than the clients, is presumed to be acting in good faith and shall be immune from civil liability for reasonably taking or recommending action based upon the department's recommendation or direction. Nothing in this section shall affect rights, obligations, remedies, liabilities, or standards of proof under chapters 368 and 378.

Criminal-history Background check record information shall be used exclusively by the department or [the department's] its designee for the sole purpose of determining whether an applicant, operator, direct patient access employee,

or adult volunteer at a healthcare facility, or, in the case of a facility operated in a private residence, any adult living in the home other than the clients is suitable for working or living in close proximity to residents of a healthcare facility such that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents would not be at risk."

SECTION 2. Section 321-171.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§321-171.5 Employees of the department of health, its providers and subcontractors; [eriminal history] background checks. (a) The department of health shall develop procedures for obtaining verifiable background check information regarding [the criminal history-of] persons who are seeking employment, or seeking to serve as providers or subcontractors, in positions that place them in direct contact with adult, child, or youth clients when providing non-witnessed direct mental health or health care services. These procedures shall include but not be limited to [eriminal history record checks in accordance with section 846-2.7.] background checks as defined in section 321-15.2.

(b) Except as otherwise specified, any person who seeks employment with the department of health, or who is employed or seeks employment with a provider or subcontractor in a position that necessitates non-witnessed direct contact with clients when providing non-witnessed direct mental health or health

care services, shall:

(1) Be subject to [eriminal history record] background checks in accordance with section [846-2.7; and] 321-15.2;

2) Authorize the disclosure to the department or its designee of back-

ground check information; and

[(2)] (3) Provide to the department of health or [the department's] its designee written consent for the department or [the department's] its designee to obtain [eriminal history record] background check information for verification.

Information obtained pursuant to subsection (a) and this subsection shall be used exclusively by the department of health for purposes of determining whether a person is suitable for working in a position that necessitates non-witnessed direct contact with clients when providing non-witnessed direct mental health or health care services. All such decisions shall be subject to federal laws and regulations currently or hereafter in effect.

(c) The department of health may refuse to employ or may terminate the employment of any employee or applicant for employment if [the-person]:

(1) The person refuses to authorize the department or its designee to conduct a background check;

The person refuses or fails to submit to the department or its designee information required to conduct a background check;

(3) The person has been convicted of an offense for which incarceration

is a sentencing option[, and if the]; or

(4) The department of health finds by reason of the nature and circumstances of the [erime] background check information that the person poses a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of clients receiving non-witnessed direct mental health or health care services. Such refusal or termination may occur only after appropriate investigation, notification of results and planned action, and opportunity to meet and rebut the finding, all of which need not be conducted in accordance with chapter 91. Nothing in this subsection shall abrogate any applicable appeal rights under chapter 76 or 89.

(d) This section shall not be used by the department of health or [the department's] its designee to secure [eriminal-history record] background checks on persons who have been employed continuously on a salaried basis prior to July 1, [<del>2000.</del>] <u>2015.</u>

(e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit [eriminal-history record] back-

ground checks on employees of all providers and subcontractors.

(f) The department or its designee, in obtaining and relying upon the background check information, shall be presumed to be acting in good faith and shall be immune from civil liability for taking or recommending action based upon the background check information. The presumption of good faith may be rebutted upon a showing of proof by a preponderance of the evidence that the department or its designee relied upon information or opinion that it knew was false or misleading or that such reliance was not reasonable.

[(f)] (g) For purposes of this section: "Provider" means any organization or individual that intends to enter into a contract with or is currently contracted by the department of health to provide direct mental health or health care services to the department's eligible

"Subcontractor" means any organization or individual that enters into a contract or agreement with a provider to provide direct mental health or health

care services to the department's eligible clients.

[<del>(g)</del>] (h) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the department of health shall be exempt from section 831-3.1 for purposes of this section and need not conduct investigations, notifications, or hearings under this section in accordance with chapter 91."

SECTION 3. Section 846-2.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) Criminal history record checks may be conducted by:

The department of health or [the department's] its designee on operators of adult foster homes for individuals with developmental disabilities or developmental disabilities domiciliary homes and their employees, as provided by section [333F-22;] 321-15.2;

The department of health or [the-department's] its designee on prospective employees, persons seeking to serve as providers, or subcontractors in positions that place them in direct contact with clients when providing non-witnessed direct mental health or health

care services as provided by section 321-171.5;

The department of health or [the-department's] its designee on all applicants for licensure or certification for, operators for, prospective employees, [and] adult volunteers, and all adults, except adults in care, at [one or more of the following: skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, adult residential care-home, expanded adult residential care home, assisted living facility, home health agency, hospice, adult day health center, special-treatment-facility, therapeutic living program, intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities, hospital, rural-health-center and rehabilitation agency, and, in the case of any of the above facilities operating in a private residence, on any adult living in the facility other than the client as provided by section 321-15.2;] health care facilities as defined in section 321-15.2;

The department of education on employees, prospective employees, and teacher trainees in any public school in positions that necessitate close proximity to children as provided by section 302A-601.5;

The counties on employees and prospective employees who may be in positions that place them in close proximity to children in recreation or child care programs and services;

The county liquor commissions on applicants for liquor licenses as

provided by section 281-53.5;

(7) The county liquor commissions on employees and prospective employees involved in liquor administration, law enforcement, and liquor control investigations;
The department of human services on operators and employees

(8) of child caring institutions, child placing organizations, and foster

boarding homes as provided by section 346-17;

The department of human services on prospective adoptive parents

as established under section 346-19.7;

- (10)The department of human services on applicants to operate child care facilities, prospective employees of the applicant, and new employees of the provider after registration or licensure as provided by section 346-154;
- (11)The department of human services on persons exempt pursuant to section 346-152 to be eligible to provide child care and receive child care subsidies as provided by section 346-152.5;
- (12)The department of health on operators and employees of home and community-based case management agencies and operators and other adults, except for adults in care, residing in community care foster family homes as provided by section [321-484;] 321-15.2

(13)The department of human services on staff members of the Hawaii youth correctional facility as provided by section 352-5.5;

(14)The department of human services on employees, prospective employees, and volunteers of contracted providers and subcontractors in positions that place them in close proximity to youth when providing services on behalf of the office or the Hawaii youth correctional facility as provided by section 352D-4.3;

(15)The judiciary on employees and applicants at detention and shelter

facilities as provided by section 571-34;

- (16)The department of public safety on employees and prospective employees who are directly involved with the treatment and care of persons committed to a correctional facility or who possess police
- powers including the power of arrest as provided by section 353C-5; The board of private detectives and guards on applicants for private (17)detective or private guard licensure as provided by section 463-9;
- (18)Private schools and designated organizations on employees and prospective employees who may be in positions that necessitate close proximity to children; provided that private schools and designated organizations receive only indications of the states from which the national criminal history record information was provided pursuant to section 302C-1;

(19)The public library system on employees and prospective employees whose positions place them in close proximity to children as provided by section 302A-601.5;

The State or any of its branches, political subdivisions, or agencies (20)on applicants and employees holding a position that has the same type of contact with children, vulnerable adults, or persons committed to a correctional facility as other public employees who hold positions that are authorized by law to require criminal history record checks as a condition of employment as provided by section 78-2.7;

(21) The department of health on licensed adult day care center operators, employees, new employees, subcontracted service providers and their employees, and adult volunteers as provided by section [321-496:] 321-15.2;
 (22) The department of human services on purchase of service contract-

(22) The department of human services on purchase of service contracted and subcontracted service providers and their employees serving clients of the [fladult protective and community services branch[fl],

as provided by section 346-97;

(23) The department of human services on foster grandparent program, senior companion program, and respite companion program par-

ticipants as provided by section 346-97;

(24) The department of human services on contracted and subcontracted service providers and their current and prospective employees that provide home and community-based services under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, title 42 United States Code section 1396n(c), or under any other applicable section or sections of the Social Security Act for the purposes of providing home and community-based services, as provided by section 346-97;

(25) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on proposed directors and executive officers of a bank, savings bank, savings and loan association, trust company, and depository financial services

loan company as provided by section 412:3-201;

(26) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on proposed directors and executive officers of a nondepository financial services loan company as provided by section 412:3-301;

(27) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on the original chartering applicants and proposed executive officers of a credit union as provided by section 412:10-103;

(28) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:

(A) Each principal of every non-corporate applicant for a money transmitter license; and

(B) The executive officers, key shareholders, and managers in charge of a money transmitter's activities of every corporate applicant for a money transmitter license,

as provided by sections 489D-9 and 489D-15;

(29) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on applicants for licensure and persons licensed under title 24;

(30) The Hawaii health systems corporation on:

(A) Employees;

(B) Applicants seeking employment;

- (C) Current or prospective members of the corporation board or regional system board; or
- (D) Current or prospective volunteers, providers, or contractors, in any of the corporation's health facilities as provided by section 323F-5.5;

(31) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:

(A) An applicant for a mortgage loan originator license; and

(B) Each control person, executive officer, director, general partner, and manager of an applicant for a mortgage loan originator company license,

as provided by chapter 454F;

(32) The state public charter school commission or public charter schools on employees, teacher trainees, prospective employees, and prospective teacher trainees in any public charter school for any po-

- sition that places them in close proximity to children, as provided in section 302D-33;
- (33) The counties on prospective employees who work with children, vulnerable adults, or senior citizens in community-based programs;
- (34) The counties on prospective employees for fire department positions which involve contact with children or vulnerable adults;
- (35) The counties on prospective employees for emergency medical services positions which involve contact with children or vulnerable adults:
- (36) The counties on prospective employees for emergency management positions and community volunteers whose responsibilities involve planning and executing homeland security measures including viewing, handling, and engaging in law enforcement or classified meetings and assisting vulnerable citizens during emergencies or crises;
- (37) The State and counties on employees, prospective employees, volunteers, and contractors whose position responsibilities require unescorted access to secured areas and equipment related to a traffic management center;
- (38) The State and counties on employees and prospective employees whose positions involve the handling or use of firearms for other than law enforcement purposes;
- (39) The State and counties on current and prospective systems analysts and others involved in an agency's information technology operation whose position responsibilities provide them with access to proprietary, confidential, or sensitive information;
- [f](40)[] The department of commerce and consumer affairs on applicants for real estate appraiser licensure or certification as provided by chapter 466K; and
- [f](41)[f] Any other organization, entity, or the State, its branches, political subdivisions, or agencies as may be authorized by state law."

#### **PART II**

SECTION 4. Section 321-482, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by

amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) As a condition for obtaining a license, a person, agency, or organization shall comply with rules adopted under subsection (b)(1), (2), and (3), and satisfy the background check requirements under section [321-484-] 321-15.2. The department may deny a license if:

An operator, employee, or new employee of the home and community-based case management agency has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation involving a fine of \$50 or less;

- (2) The department finds that the [eriminal-history] background check record of an operator, employee, or new employee poses a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of adults receiving care in community care foster family homes, expanded adult residential care homes, or assisted living facilities;
- (3) An operator, employee, or new employee of the home and community-based case management agency is a perpetrator of abuse as defined in section 346-222; or
- (4) The holder of or an applicant for a home and community-based case management agency license, or one of its employees, has a certificate of approval to operate a community care foster family home, or a license from the department to operate an adult residential

care home, expanded adult residential care home, or assisted living facility."

SECTION 5. Section 321-483, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by

amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) As a condition for obtaining a certificate of approval, community care foster family homes shall comply with rules adopted under subsection (b) and satisfy the background check requirements under section [321-484-] 321-15.2. The department or its designee may deny a certificate of approval if:

(1) An operator or other adult residing in the community care foster family home, except for adults receiving care, has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation involving a fine of \$50

or less;

The department or its designee finds that the [eriminal-history] background check record of an operator or other adult residing in the home, except for adults receiving care, poses a risk to the health, safety, or well-being of adults in care; or

An operator or other adult residing in the community care foster family home, except for adults receiving care, is a perpetrator of

abuse as defined in section 346-222."

SECTION 6. Section 333F-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by

amending the definition of "existing provider" to read as follows:
"Existing provider" means every person licensed or certified as an adult foster or developmental disabilities domiciliary home provider before the effective date [[May-6, 1994]] of section [333F-22.] 321-15.2.'

SECTION 7. Section 378-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by

amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), the requirement that inquiry into and consideration of a prospective employee's conviction record may take place only after the individual has received a conditional job offer, and the limitation to the most recent ten-year period, excluding the period of incarceration, shall not apply to employers who are expressly permitted to inquire into an individual's criminal history for employment purposes pursuant to any federal or state law other than subsection (a), including:

The State or any of its branches, political subdivisions, or agencies (1)

pursuant to sections 78-2.7 and 831-3.1;

The department of education pursuant to section 302A-601.5;

The department of health with respect to employees, providers, or subcontractors in positions that place them in direct contact with clients when providing non-witnessed direct mental health services pursuant to section 321-171.5;

The judiciary pursuant to section 571-34;

(5) The counties pursuant to section 846-2.7(b)(5), (33), (34), (35), (36), and (38);

Armed security services pursuant to section 261-17(b);

Providers of a developmental disabilities domiciliary home pursuant to section [333F-22;] 321-15.2;

Private schools pursuant to sections 302C-1 and 378-3(8);

Financial institutions in which deposits are insured by a federal agency having jurisdiction over the financial institution pursuant to section 378-3(9);

- (10) Detective agencies and security guard agencies pursuant to sections 463-6(b) and 463-8(b):
- (11) Employers in the business of insurance pursuant to section 431:2-201.3:
- (12) Employers of individuals or supervisors of individuals responsible for screening passengers or property under title 49 United States Code section 44901 or individuals with unescorted access to an aircraft of an air carrier or foreign carrier or in a secured area of an airport in the United States pursuant to title 49 United States Code section 44936(a);
- (13) The department of human services pursuant to sections 346-97 and 352-5.5;
- (14) The public library system pursuant to section 302A-601.5;
- (15) The department of public safety pursuant to section 353C-5;
- (16) The board of directors of a cooperative housing corporation or the manager of a cooperative housing project pursuant to section 421I-12;
- (17) The board of directors of an association of owners under chapter 514A or 514B, or the manager of a condominium project pursuant to section 514A-82.1 or 514B-133; and
- (18) The department of health pursuant to section 321-15.2."

### **PART III**

SECTION 8. Section 321-484, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 9. Section 321-496, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 10. Section 333F-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

## PART IV

SECTION 11. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015; provided that the amendments made to the definition of "healthcare facility" under section 321-15.2(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 1 of this Act shall not be repealed when that definition is reenacted on June 30, 2019, pursuant to section 8 of Act 21, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, as amended by section 2 of Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

(Approved July 1, 2015.)

## Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.