
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
read as follows:

"§7- Parental rights. (a) Each parent in the State
shall have the right to direct the upbringing, education, care,
and welfare of the parent's child.

(b) No department or agency of the State or any county
shall adopt or ordain any rule, regulation, or ordinance that
infringes upon the rights established in subsection (a) without
demonstrating that the rule, regulation, or ordinance is
narrowly tailored to address a compelling governmental interest
using the least restrictive means necessary."

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
begun before its effective date.

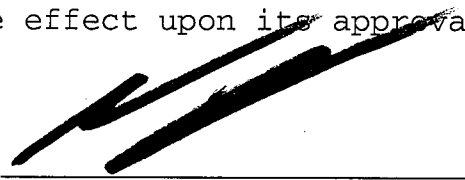
SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

Parental Rights; Infringement; Prohibited

Description:

Prohibits the State and counties from adopting or ordaining any rules, regulations, or ordinances that infringe upon a parent's right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent's child, except in certain narrowly tailored circumstances.

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