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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The chair of the senate committee on human  
2 services and public housing and the chair of the house of  
3 representatives committee on human services and housing shall  
4 convene a temporary statewide task force on system responses to  
5 cases of child sexual assault and exploitation. The purpose of  
6 the task force shall be to review, assess, and make  
7 recommendations for Hawaii's system responses to cases  
8 regarding:

- 9           (1) Child sexual abuse, assault, and exploitation;  
10           (2) Sexually reactive children;  
11           (3) Youth who sexually offend; and  
12           (4) Related minor-to-minor incest.

13 The task force shall also consider associated issues, including  
14 Internet crimes against children, child pornography, and child  
15 trafficking in its discussions.



1 (b) In addition to the co-convenors, as specified under  
2 subsection (a), the task force shall consist of representatives  
3 from each of the following agencies:

4 (1) The judiciary;

5 (2) The children's justice centers;

6 (3) The county police department of each county;

7 (4) The department of human services;

8 (5) The department of health;

9 (6) The department of education;

10 (7) The prosecutor's office of each county;

11 (8) The department of the attorney general;

12 (9) Children's Alliance of Hawaii;

13 (10) Child and Family Services;

14 (11) Catholic Charities Hawaii;

15 (12) Sex Abuse Treatment Center;

16 (13) The Salvation Army; and

17 (14) The United States Attorney's Office.

18 (c) The inter-agency advisory committees of the children's  
19 justice center for each county shall be consulted for input on a  
20 regular basis.



1 (d) The center for alternative dispute resolution shall  
2 assist the task force in performing its duties as required by  
3 this Act.

4 (e) The members shall not receive compensation for their  
5 services but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel  
6 expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties under this  
7 Act.

8 SECTION 2. The statewide task force on system responses to  
9 cases of child sexual assault and exploitation shall submit an  
10 interim report of its findings and recommendations, including  
11 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than  
12 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
13 2008, and a final report of its findings and recommendations,  
14 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
15 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
16 of 2009. The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2009.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and  
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
21 year 2008-2009 for the statewide task force on system responses  
22 to cases of child sexual assault and exploitation.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the senate for  
2 the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and  
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
7 year 2008-2009 for the statewide task force on system responses  
8 to cases of child sexual assault and exploitation.

9           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the house of  
10 representatives for the purposes of this Act.

11           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon approval;  
12 provided that sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on  
13 July 1, 2007.



**Report Title:**

System Responses to Cases of Child Sexual Assault and  
Exploitation; Task Force

**Description:**

Establishes a two-year statewide task force to evaluate and make  
recommendations on the State's system responses to cases of  
child sexual assault and exploitation. Appropriates funds.  
(HB326 HD1)

