
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SENIOR CITIZENS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a growing
2 problem with elderly persons in the State of Hawaii becoming
3 disoriented or lost and that existing measures are inadequate to
4 efficiently and effectively find and assist these senior
5 citizens. An identification database of seniors that are at
6 risk or possibly could become lost would assist law enforcement
7 and other agencies involved with the search and recovery
8 efforts.

9 The purpose of this Act is to establish a task force to
10 develop an efficient, cost-effective process for creating and
11 operating an identification database of seniors and at risk
12 adults to be used when adults go missing.

13 SECTION 2. There is established a temporary task force,
14 exempt from section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to develop a
15 system for finding missing senior citizens using facial
16 recognition software being developed by the department of the
17 attorney general. The task force shall be attached to the

1 department of the attorney general for administrative purposes.
2 The task force shall assist the county police departments and
3 all state law enforcement entities and work in conjunction with
4 the department of the attorney general to further develop the
5 facial recognition software, establish and implement policies
6 and procedures regarding the use and maintenance of the facial
7 recognition software, and determine the most efficient and
8 effective way to use the program in conjunction with other tools
9 to assist in locating lost elders. The facial recognition
10 database shall be for law enforcement and official use only, and
11 shall not be accessible to the public.

12 SECTION 3. The task force membership shall include a
13 representative from each of the following:

- 14 (1) The executive office on aging;
- 15 (2) Each of the four county police departments;
- 16 (3) The Association for the Advancement of Retired Persons
17 (AARP);
- 18 (4) The department of public safety - sheriff's division;
- 19 (5) The University of Hawaii; and
- 20 (6) The National Association of Security Companies.

21 The task force shall report to the legislature on the scope and
22 nature of the facial recognition system developed, the standards

1 for implementation to ensure all agencies properly use the
2 facial recognition system, and all procedural information
3 regarding use of the locator system.

4 SECTION 4. For the purposes of this Act:

5 "Local law enforcement" means a law enforcement agency with
6 jurisdiction over the investigation of a missing senior citizen.

7 "Senior citizen" means a person who is sixty-five years or
8 older.

9 SECTION 5. The task force shall submit to the legislature
10 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
11 session of 2011, a report on the recommendations of the task
12 force.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

Missing Senior Citizen; Task Force to Develop an Identification System

Description:

Establishes a task force to develop an efficient, cost-effective process for creating and operating an identification database of services and at risk adults if they go missing. (SD1)

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