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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 577, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§577-       Public child care programs; policies and  
5 procedures governing bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment.

6 Each public child care program, to the greatest extent feasible,  
7 shall comply with all department of education administrative  
8 rules and statutes governing acts of bullying, cyberbullying,  
9 and harassment; provided that:

10           (1) Notwithstanding any amendments to the contrary that  
11           may be made to the department of education  
12           administrative rules and statutes from time to time,  
13           each public child care program shall comply with the  
14           latest version of the administrative rules and  
15           statutes that mandates the reporting of bullying,  
16           cyberbullying, and harassment that:



1           (A) An official or other employee of the public child  
2           care program witnesses or has reason to believe  
3           has been committed or will be committed; and

4           (B) Occurs on the property of the public child care  
5           program during the program's hours of operation  
6           or during activities supervised by the program;  
7           and

8           (2) The public child care program shall adopt and  
9           implement policies, requirements, and procedures:

10          (A) Affording the parent or guardian of an alleged  
11          victim an opportunity to appeal a decision of the  
12          program to remediate a case of bullying,  
13          cyberbullying, or harassment, on the basis of the  
14          inadequacy of the decision in preserving the  
15          safety of the alleged victim; and

16          (B) Requiring the training of program officials and  
17          employees in identifying and responding to an act  
18          of bullying, cyberbullying, or harassment,  
19          in the absence of those policies, requirements, and  
20          procedures in the department of education  
21          administrative rules and statutes.





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# H.B. NO. 308

**Report Title:**

Child Safety; Bullying; Cyberbullying; Harassment

**Description:**

Requires any state or county program for the instruction, enrichment, care, or supervision of children to comply with DOE rules and statutes governing acts of bullying, cyberbullying, or harassment. Requires program staff to report cases and receive related training. Requires the programs to allow parents or guardians of victims to appeal decisions to remediate.

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