## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ORDERS FOR IMMEDIATE PROTECTION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 346-231, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 3 "(a) If the department believes that a person is a
- 4 vulnerable adult and it appears probable that the vulnerable
- 5 adult has incurred abuse or is in danger of abuse if immediate
- 6 action is not taken and the vulnerable adult consents, or if the
- 7 vulnerable adult does not consent and there is probable cause to
- 8 believe that the vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to make
- 9 decisions concerning the vulnerable adult's person, the
- 10 department [shall] may seek an order for immediate protection in
- 11 accordance with this section."
- 12 Section 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 14 Section 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2060.

## Report Title:

Orders For Immediate Protection

## Description:

Amends section 346-231, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to address inconsistencies in statutory requirements regarding orders for immediate protection; and allows the Department of Human Services discretion when to seek an order for immediate protection of vulnerable adults. (HB2344 HD1)

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