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S.B. NO. 2321

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that research strongly  
2 indicates that domestic violence is one of the more predominant  
3 social issues for Hawaii. Protecting those exposed to domestic  
4 violence and providing effective intervention responses are  
5 essential to public safety and the welfare of domestic violence  
6 victims; however, there is no consistency amongst agencies who  
7 intervene in domestic violence situations regarding the level of  
8 training personnel receive to ensure proper domestic violence  
9 intervention. A sufficient understanding of the complexity of  
10 domestic violence situations and appropriate responses is  
11 necessary for victims to receive proper attention and support  
12 and for perpetrators to be properly restrained. Therefore, the  
13 legislature finds it is appropriate to require training on  
14 domestic violence intervention for those state and county  
15 employees who act as interveners in domestic violence  
16 situations, including but not limited to judges, firefighters,  
17 emergency medical services personnel, and law enforcement.



SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§46- Domestic abuse intervention; personnel training requirements. (a) Beginning on January 1, 2017, any county agency that employs personnel whose job duties require or may require intervention in any domestic abuse situation shall provide such personnel with a minimum of fifteen hours of training regarding domestic abuse intervention. Such personnel includes but is not limited to law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "domestic abuse" shall have the same meaning as in section 586-1."

SECTION 3. Chapter 586, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§586- Domestic abuse intervention; personnel training requirements. Beginning on January 1, 2017, any state agency that employs personnel whose job duties require or may require intervention in any domestic abuse situation shall provide such personnel with a minimum of fifteen hours of training regarding



1 domestic abuse intervention. Such personnel includes but is not  
 2 limited to judges, attorneys, or representatives of the court  
 3 who are involved in an action relating to domestic abuse."

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Domestic Violence; Training; Intervention

**Description:**

Requires any state or county agency who employs personnel whose job duties require or may require intervention in a domestic violence situation to provide such employees with a minimum of 15 hours of domestic violence intervention training.

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