### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH SPORTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to increase child 2 safety relating to sports programs by establishing standards and 3 regulations for youth sports coaches. 4 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by 5 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read 6 as follows: 7 "CHAPTER 8 YOUTH SPORTS COACH 9 " § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter: 10 "Department" means the department of commerce and consumer 11 affairs. 12 "Youth sports coach" means a coach, Hawaii high school 13 athletic association, or any nonprofit organization that 14 organizes and charges a fee for participation. 15 -2 Youth sports coach; training and certification 16 required. (a) A youth sports coach shall obtain a 17 certification, before teaching or training any athlete on the

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- 1 team in which the youth sports coach is coaching, from the
- 2 governing sport league association and from the department.
- 3 Only one permit per year shall be required for a youth sports
- 4 coach who coaches multiple teams.
- 5 (b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
- 6 91 that establish requirements for youth sports coaches that
- 7 include:
- 8 (1) Training requirements;
- 9 (2) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid training
- 10 requirements;
- 11 (3) Concussion education requirements; and
- 12 (4) Background checks.
- 13 § -3 Permit; fees. Any person desiring the permit
- 14 required by section -2 shall apply to the department for a
- 15 permit on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.
- 16 The permit shall be valid for one year. The department may
- 17 charge a reasonable permit processing fee.
- 18 § -4 Civil penalties. Any person who violates any
- 19 provision of this chapter or the rules adopted by the department
- 20 pursuant to this chapter shall be fined not more than \$1,000.

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- 1 Each day of continued violation or failure to comply under this
- 2 chapter shall constitute a separate offense.
- 3 Unless otherwise expressly provided, the remedies or
- 4 penalties provided in this chapter are cumulative to each other
- 5 and to the remedies or penalties available under all other laws
- 6 of this State."
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 9 begun before its effective date.
- 10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

Youth Sports; Coach; Certification

### Description:

Regulates youth sports coaches by requiring an annual certification from DCCA.

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