

JAN 17 2020

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MINORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-17.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) A minor may consent to no cost emergency shelter and
4 related services if the minor understands the benefits,
5 responsibilities, risks, and limits of the shelter and services,
6 and the minor agrees to adhere to the provider's rules and
7 cooperate and participate in those services recommended by the
8 provider; provided that:

9 (1) The provider has not, despite reasonable efforts, been
10 able to contact the minor's parent, legal guardian, or
11 legal custodian;

12 (2) The provider has made contact with the minor's parent,
13 legal guardian, or legal custodian, and the minor's
14 parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian has refused
15 to give consent and, based on the information
16 available to the provider, the provider reasonably
17 believes that the minor would incur harm, or would be



1 subject to threatened harm, if the minor returned
2 immediately to the home of the parent, legal guardian,
3 or legal custodian; [ø]

4 (3) The minor has refused to provide contact information
5 for the minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal
6 custodian, and the provider reasonably believes that
7 the minor would incur harm, or would be subject to
8 threatened harm, if the minor returned immediately to
9 the home of the parent, legal guardian, or legal
10 custodian[-]; or

11 (4) The minor is at least sixteen years of age and the
12 provider supplying shelter is licensed to do so for
13 minors or adults and:

14 (A) Is a 501(c)(3) that is in good standing with the
15 department of commerce and consumer affairs;

16 (B) Is in compliance with zoning and safety
17 regulations;

18 (C) Shall have a licensed professional evaluate the
19 youth's needs for services and counseling within
20 three days of housing the minor; and



1 (D) Shall contact child welfare services within three
2 days of housing the minor."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

6

INTRODUCED BY: Hal Rhoads

Quincy D. Baker

Anna Mercedes



S.B. NO. 2344

Report Title:

Minors; Emergency; Shelter; Consent; Keiki Caucus

Description:

Expands conditions for a minor to consent to no cost emergency shelter and related services to include a minimum age of sixteen years and certain requirements by a shelter.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

