
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 (h) to read as follows:

3 "(h) For purposes of this section:

4 "Minor" means a person less than eighteen years of age.

5 "No cost emergency shelter and related services" means
6 accommodation at no cost for a continuous period of no more than
7 thirty days, unless extended for emergency purposes and in
8 compliance with subsection (b), including beds, meals,
9 individual showering facilities, transportation to and from the
10 place of shelter, and any of the following services as deemed
11 appropriate by the provider:

- 12 (1) Assistance with reunification with the family, legal
13 guardian, or legal custodian of the minor;
14 (2) Referral to safe housing;
15 (3) Individual, family, and group counseling;
16 (4) Assistance in obtaining clothing;



- 1 (5) Access to medical and dental care, and mental health
- 2 counseling;
- 3 (6) Education and employment services;
- 4 (7) Recreational activities;
- 5 (8) Case management, advocacy, and referral services;
- 6 (9) Independent living skills training; and
- 7 (10) Aftercare services, as those services are defined in
- 8 title 45 Code of Federal Regulations section 1351.1.

9 "Provider" means any child placing organization, or child
10 caring institution authorized by the department under
11 section 346-17 to receive or place minor children for care and
12 maintenance and to provide related services, health care, or
13 supplies to these minors. "Provider" includes an organization
14 that is not a child placing organization or child caring
15 institution that:

- 16 (1) Conducts criminal history clearances, child abuse and
- 17 neglect (CA/N) registry checks, background,
- 18 employment, and any other checks as may be required by
- 19 state or federal law on an annual basis for all
- 20 employees and volunteers;



- 1 (2) Maintains separate sleeping areas for unrelated adults
- 2 and minor children;
- 3 (3) Serves no more than five minor children per day;
- 4 (4) Keeps a current register of all minors admitted; and
- 5 (5) Coordinates with the department to provide shelter or
- 6 other services for a minor child."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
10 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2023; provided that
11 section 346-17.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in
12 the form in which it read on the day before the effective date
13 of this Act.



Report Title:

Emergency Shelter; Minors; Consent; Providers

Description:

Clarifies the definition of "provider" as it relates to the entities eligible to provide no cost emergency shelter and related services to a consenting minor to include certain organizations who are not considered child placing organizations or child caring institutions. Sunsets 6/30/2023. (CD1)

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