
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ABUSE OF FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 709-906, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (6) to read as follows:
3 "(6) It shall be a petty misdemeanor for a person to
4 intentionally or knowingly strike, shove, kick, or otherwise
5 touch a family or household member in an offensive manner [~~or~~];
6 subject the family member or household member to offensive
7 physical contact; or exercise coercive control, as defined in
8 section 586-1, over a family or household member and the person
9 shall be sentenced as provided in sections 706-640 and 706-663.
10 Upon conviction and sentencing of the defendant, the court may
11 order that the defendant immediately be incarcerated to serve
12 the mandatory minimum sentence imposed; provided that the
13 defendant may be admitted to bail pending appeal pursuant to
14 chapter 804. The court may stay the imposition of the sentence
15 if special circumstances exist."



1 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
7 provided that section 1 shall be repealed on June 30, 2026;
8 provided further that section 709-906, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
9 shall be reenacted in the form in which it read on December 31,
10 2020.



Report Title:

Abuse of Family or Household Members; Coercive Control; Petty
Misdemeanor

Description:

Adds coercive control between family or household members to the
pilot program to strengthen state and county responses to
domestic violence and increase violator accountability
established by Act 19, Regular Session of 2020. Sunsets
6/30/2026. (SD1)

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