



GOV. MSG. NO. 1117

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

APR 27 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on **APR 27 2022**, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2114

RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE
PROGRAM.
ACT 017

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on _____

THE SENATE
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 017
S.B. NO. 2114

JAN 19 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 588-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The [~~purpose~~] purposes of the program shall be to:

4 (1) Develop, achieve, and maintain interagency and
5 interprofessional cooperation and coordination in the
6 investigation of and [~~ease~~] management of
7 [~~intrafamilial and extrafamilial~~] cases involving
8 suspected or confirmed:

9 (A) Victims of child sex abuse [~~and~~], serious
10 physical child abuse [~~eases~~], child sex
11 trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation of
12 children, and other child maltreatment; and

13 (B) Child witnesses to crime or violence;

14 (2) Facilitate in an impartial manner the professional
15 gathering of information by public and private
16 agencies and their providers for court proceedings
17 involving child victims and witnesses;



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- 1 (3) Reduce to the absolute minimum the number of
2 interviews of child [~~sex abuse~~] victims and witnesses
3 so as to minimize revictimization of the child;
- 4 (4) Coordinate the therapeutic and treatment program for
5 child [~~sex abuse~~] victims and witnesses and their
6 families;
- 7 (5) Provide for a multidisciplinary team and case
8 management approach [~~which is focused first, on the~~
9 ~~alleged or suspected child sex abuse victim's needs~~
10 ~~and conditions,~~] that focuses on the needs of, first,
11 the child victim or witness; second, [~~on the~~] family
12 members who are supportive of the child and whose
13 interests are consistent with the best interests of
14 the child; and third, [~~on~~] law enforcement and
15 [~~prosecutorial needs,~~] prosecuting agencies;
- 16 (6) Provide for the training and continuing education of
17 skilled professional interviewers of child [~~sex abuse~~]
18 victims[+] and witnesses; and
- 19 (7) Serve as the focus of information and referral for
20 child [~~sex abuse~~] victim and witness programs."



1 SECTION 2. Section 588-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§588-4 Duties of the director.** The director shall:

- 4 (1) Enter into agreements with police departments,
5 departments of the prosecuting attorneys and county
6 corporation counsels, the departments of the attorney
7 general, health, and human services, and other public
8 and private agencies, including agreements for the
9 temporary assignment of appropriate personnel from
10 each agency to the program;
- 11 (2) Enter into contracts for the provision of specialized
12 training and continuing education for interviewers of
13 child [~~sex-abuse~~] victims and [~~child~~] witnesses from
14 both public and private agencies and providers;
- 15 (3) Arrange for interviews of child [~~sex-abuse~~] victims
16 and [~~child~~] witnesses in an appropriate setting;
- 17 (4) Promote interagency cooperation and coordination,
18 including information sharing and gathering, among the
19 public and private agencies and their providers that
20 deliver investigative, case management, and
21 therapeutic services;



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- 1 (5) Coordinate the flow of information between the
2 agencies responsible for criminal prosecution and the
3 agencies responsible for protective action in civil
4 proceedings, including those professionals providing
5 services to children and their families;
- 6 (6) Arrange for the exchange of information, to include
7 statistical data from public and private agencies
8 involved in child [sex-abuse] victims' and witnesses'
9 programs and issues;
- 10 (7) Develop recommendations and plans for action to assist
11 the public and private agencies involved in cases of
12 child ~~[sex-abuse and serious physical child abuse,]~~
13 victims and witnesses; and
- 14 (8) Prepare and maintain records and reports for the
15 program."

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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APPROVED this 27 day of April, 2022

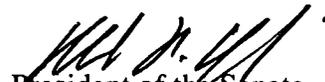


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: March 3, 2022
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: APR 08 2022
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022.


Speaker, House of Representatives


Clerk, House of Representatives