



GOV. MSG. NO. 1373

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

July 12, 2023

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

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

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

RE: Senate Bill No. 45

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution, Senate Bill No. 45, entitled "RELATING TO MINORS," became law without my signature as ACT 259, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, on July 11, 2023.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Lopez
Acting Governor, State of Hawaii

1 school counselor or domestic violence victim advocate. This
2 other person may be able to help obtain a protective order when
3 it is necessary for the adolescent's safety and protection.
4 However, not all adolescents have access to such a person.

5 The purpose of this Act is to allow minors sixteen years of
6 age or older, on their own behalf, and emancipated minors to
7 petition for domestic abuse protective orders.

8 SECTION 2. Section 586-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b) A petition for relief under this chapter may be made
11 by:

12 (1) Any family or household member on the member's own
13 behalf or on behalf of a family or household member
14 who is a minor or who is an incapacitated person as
15 defined in section 560:5-102 or who is physically
16 unable to go to the appropriate place to complete or
17 file the petition; [~~or~~]

18 (2) Any state agency on behalf of a person who is a minor
19 or who is an incapacitated person as defined in
20 section 560:5-102 or a person who is physically unable



1 to go to the appropriate place to complete or file the
2 petition on behalf of that person[-];

3 (3) Any minor sixteen years of age or older on their own
4 behalf without the consent of a parent or legal
5 guardian; or

6 (4) Any minor deemed emancipated pursuant to section 577-
7 25."

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this day of , 2023

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 18, 2023
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 3, 2023
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives