

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,

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Anne E. Lopez Acting Governor, State of Hawaii

Permitted to become law without the

Governor's signature _____



THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MINORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that adolescence can be a 2 challenging time for young people. During this stage of life, 3 adolescents are navigating new experiences while encountering 4 potential changes in their social spheres, including their 5 relationships with peers and family members. Adolescents' 6 romantic relationships can cause tension between family members, 7 such as when parents do not want their child to date, advise 8 their child against entering into a relationship with a 9 particular person, or express disapproval of their child's dating relationship. It is not uncommon for some adolescents to 10 11 keep private the details, in particular any problems or 12 challenges, of their romantic relationships.

13 The legislature also finds that adolescents in abusive 14 romantic relationships that were entered into without parental 15 approval may be reluctant to approach their parents for 16 assistance. Some adolescents have the option of seeking the 17 help of another trusted adult who is not their parent, such as a

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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

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	to go to the appropriate place to complete or file the
	petition on behalf of that $person[-]$;
(3)	Any minor sixteen years of age or older on their own
	behalf without the consent of a parent or legal
	guardian; or
(4)	Any minor deemed emancipated pursuant to section 577-
	<u>25.</u> "
SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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APPROVED this

day of

, 2023

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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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.

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Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 45, SD 1, HD 2

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

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Brian L. Takeshita Chief Clerk House of Representatives