
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§321- Trauma-informed care task force. (a) There is
5 established within the department of health for administrative
6 purposes a trauma-informed care task force. The task force
7 shall consist of the following members:

- 8 (1) The director of health, or the director's designee,
9 who shall serve as the chairperson of the task force;
10 (2) The director of human services, or the director's
11 designee;
12 (3) The superintendent of education, or the
13 superintendent's designee;
14 (4) The director of public safety, or its successor
15 agency, or the director's designee;
16 (5) The director of the executive office on early
17 learning, or the director's designee;



- 1 (6) The executive director of the office of youth
- 2 services, or the executive director's designee;
- 3 (7) The chair of the Hawaii correctional system oversight
- 4 commission, or the chair's designee;
- 5 (8) A member of the judiciary, to be appointed by the
- 6 chief justice of the supreme court;
- 7 (9) A faculty member from the university of Hawaii John A.
- 8 Burns school of medicine, to be appointed by the dean
- 9 of the university of Hawaii John A. Burns school of
- 10 medicine;
- 11 (10) The chief executive officer of Kamehameha Schools, or
- 12 the chief executive officer's designee, who shall be
- 13 invited by the chairperson;
- 14 (11) A member of the law enforcement community, who shall
- 15 be invited by the chairperson;
- 16 (12) A member of the non-profit sector, who shall be
- 17 invited by the chairperson; and
- 18 (13) A community member or non-profit representative from
- 19 the Compact of Free Association islander community,
- 20 who shall be invited by the chairperson.

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1 (b) Non-ex officio members of the task force shall be
2 subject to section 26-34.

3 (c) The task force shall develop and make recommendations
4 for trauma-informed care in the State. Specifically, the task
5 force shall:

6 (1) Create, develop, and adopt a statewide framework for
7 trauma-informed care and responsive practice. The
8 framework shall include:

9 (A) A clear definition of "trauma-informed and
10 responsive practice";

11 (B) Principles of trauma-informed and responsive care
12 that may apply to any school, health care
13 provider, law enforcement agency, community
14 organization, state agency, or other entity that
15 has contact with children or youth;

16 (C) Clear examples of how individuals and
17 institutions may implement trauma-informed and
18 responsive practices across different domains,
19 including organizational leadership, workforce
20 development, policy and decision-making, and
21 evaluation;



- 1 (D) Strategies for preventing and addressing
- 2 secondary traumatic stress for all professionals
- 3 and providers working with children and youth and
- 4 their families who have experienced trauma;
- 5 (E) Recommendations to implement trauma-informed care
- 6 professional development and strategy
- 7 requirements in county and state contracts; and
- 8 (F) An implementation and sustainability plan,
- 9 consisting of an evaluation plan with suggested
- 10 metrics for assessing ongoing progress of the
- 11 framework;
- 12 (2) Identify best practices, including those from native
- 13 Hawaiian cultural practices, with respect to children
- 14 and youth who have experienced or are at risk of
- 15 experiencing trauma, and their families;
- 16 (3) Provide a trauma-informed care inventory and
- 17 assessment of public and private agencies and
- 18 departments;
- 19 (4) Identify various cultural practices that build
- 20 wellness and resilience in communities;



1 (5) Convene trauma-informed care practitioners so that
2 they may share research and strategies in helping
3 communities build wellness and resilience;

4 (6) Seek ways in which federal funding may be used to
5 better coordinate and improve the responses to
6 families impacted by coronavirus disease 2019,
7 substance use disorders, domestic violence, poverty,
8 and other forms of trauma, including making
9 recommendations for a government position to interface
10 with federal agencies to seek and leverage federal
11 funding with county and state agencies and
12 philanthropical organizations; and

13 (7) Coordinate data collection and funding streams to
14 support the efforts of the interagency task force.

15 (d) The task force shall serve as an advisory board for,
16 and be administratively attached to, the office of wellness and
17 resilience established in section 27-62.

18 (e) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
19 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
20 legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 each regular session."



1 SECTION 2. The sitting members of the trauma-informed care
2 task force established pursuant to Act 209, Session Laws of
3 Hawaii 2021, shall carry over to the task force established
4 pursuant to section 1 of this Act without being subject to the
5 advice and consent requirements of section 26-34, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes.

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

DOH; Trauma-informed Care; Task Force; Report

Description:

Establishes a trauma-informed care task force within the Department of Health. Requires the task force to develop a statewide framework for trauma-informed care and to provide other recommendations on how the State can implement best practices in trauma-informed care, including native Hawaiian cultural practices. Provides that the trauma-informed care task force shall serve as an advisory board for, and be administratively attached to, the office of wellness and resilience established in section 27-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Requires the task force to submit a report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of each regular session.

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