
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 350-1.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 "(c) The initial oral report shall be followed as soon as
4 possible by a report in writing to the department; provided
5 that:

6 (1) If a police department or the department of law
7 enforcement is the initiating agency, a written report
8 shall be filed with the department for cases that the
9 police or the department of law enforcement takes
10 further action on or for active cases in the
11 department under this chapter;

12 (2) All written reports shall contain the name and address
13 of the child and the child's parents or other persons
14 responsible for the child's care, if known[7]; the
15 military status of the child's parents or other
16 persons responsible for the child's care, if known;
17 the child's age[7]; the nature and extent of the



1 child's injuries[7]; and any other information that
2 the reporter believes might be helpful or relevant to
3 the investigation of the child abuse or neglect; and

4 (3) This subsection shall not be construed to serve as a
5 cause of action against the department, the police, or
6 the department of law enforcement."

7 SECTION 2. Section 350-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "§350-2 Action on reporting. (a) Upon receiving a report
10 concerning child abuse or neglect, the department shall proceed
11 pursuant to chapter 587A and the department's rules.

12 (b) The department shall inform the appropriate police
13 department of all reports received by the department regarding a
14 case of child abuse or neglect, including reports received under
15 section 350-1.1; provided that the name of the person who
16 reported the case of child abuse or neglect shall be released to
17 the police department pursuant only to court order or the
18 person's consent.

19 (c) Upon receiving a report, if there is sufficient
20 information to determine that the report involves a family where
21 one of the parents, guardians, or alleged perpetrators is a



1 member of an identifiable branch of the United States military,
2 the department shall inform the appropriate authority for that
3 branch of the military.

4 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) The department shall inform the appropriate
5 police department or office of the prosecuting attorney of the
6 relevant information concerning a case of child abuse or neglect
7 when the information is required by the police department or the
8 office of the prosecuting attorney for the investigation or
9 prosecution of that case; provided that the name of the person
10 who reported the case of child abuse or neglect shall be
11 released to the police department or the office of the
12 prosecuting attorney pursuant only to court order or the
13 person's consent.

14 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The department shall maintain a central registry
15 of reported child abuse or neglect cases in accordance with
16 section 350-2.5.

17 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) For a confirmed case of child abuse or neglect
18 that occurred at a licensed or registered child care facility as
19 defined in section 346-151, the department ~~[is authorized to]~~
20 may disclose that the report of child abuse or neglect was
21 confirmed to any parent or guardian of a child who was enrolled



1 at the licensed or registered child care facility as defined in
2 section 346-151.

3 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) For a confirmed case of child abuse or neglect
4 that occurred at a child care facility as defined in
5 section 346-151 that is operating in accordance with an
6 exclusion or exemption pursuant to section 346-152 and upon
7 receipt of consent, the department ~~[is authorized to]~~ may
8 disclose the report of child abuse or neglect was confirmed to
9 any parent or guardian of a child who was enrolled at the child
10 care facility.

11 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) For a confirmed case of child abuse or neglect
12 that results in a child's death or near fatality, the department
13 ~~[is authorized to]~~ may disclose to the public:

- 14 (1) The cause of and circumstances regarding the fatality
15 or near fatality;
16 (2) The age and gender of the child;
17 (3) Information describing any previous reports and
18 results of child abuse or neglect investigations that
19 are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect that led
20 to the fatality or near fatality; and



1 (4) The action taken by the department on behalf of the
2 child that is pertinent to the child abuse or neglect
3 that led to the fatality or near fatality.

4 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) The department shall adopt rules as may be
5 necessary in carrying out this section."

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

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
12 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

DHS; United States Military; United States Department of Defense; Child Protection; Child Abuse or Neglect; Mandatory Reporting

Description:

Requires mandatory written reports of child abuse or neglect to the Department of Human Services to include the military status of the child's parent or other persons responsible for the child's care, if known. Requires the Department of Human Services to inform the appropriate authority for the branch of the United States military when, upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, there is sufficient information to determine that the report involves a family where one of the parents, guardians, or alleged perpetrators is a member of an identifiable branch of the United States military. (CD1)

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