
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROTECTED COMMUNITY LOCATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that schools, health care
2 settings, libraries, shelters, places of worship, and other
3 community spaces must remain safe and accessible to all
4 residents. In January 2025, the United States Department of
5 Homeland Security rescinded prior guidance protecting
6 "sensitive" or "protected" areas, authorizing unrestricted
7 immigration enforcement in these locations. The legislature
8 further finds that these changes have created uncertainty and
9 chilled access to critical services. The legislature
10 additionally finds that these locations must continue to
11 function as trusted, safe spaces where people can go without
12 fear and that state and county agencies that operate these
13 locations should adopt policies limiting collaboration with
14 federal authorities for immigration enforcement purposes.

15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

16 (1) By January 1, 2027, require all state and county
17 agencies that operate protected community locations to



1 adopt and post written policies that identify
2 nonpublic areas, establish procedures for warrant
3 verification and staff response, prohibit the
4 collection of certain immigration-status data, and
5 require annual staff training and certain multilingual
6 notices; and

7 (2) Require the attorney general to publish model
8 policies.

9 SECTION 2. (a) By January 1, 2027, all state and county
10 agencies that operate protected community locations shall adopt
11 and post written policies that:

12 (1) Identify nonpublic areas;

13 (2) Establish procedures for warrant verification and
14 staff response;

15 (3) Prohibit the collection of immigration-status data
16 unless required by law;

17 (4) Require annual staff training; and

18 (5) Require multilingual notices stating that services are
19 provided regardless of immigration status.

20 (b) The attorney general shall publish model policies for
21 adoption by all state and county agencies that operate protected



1 community locations and voluntary adoption by private education
2 or health providers and private places of worship.

3 (c) For the purposes of this section:

4 "Nonpublic area" means any area of a facility that is not
5 open to the general public.

6 "Protected community location" means any facility operated
7 by the State or a county.

8 SECTION 3. This Act is of statewide concern, in accordance
9 with article X, section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution.

10 Nothing in this Act restricts the university of Hawaii from
11 complying with mandatory federal contractor certifications or
12 other conditions tied to federal funding.

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



Report Title:

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Description:

By 1/1/2027, requires all state and county agencies that operate protected community locations to adopt and post written policies that identify nonpublic areas, establish procedures for warrant verification and staff response, prohibit the collection of certain immigration-status data, and require annual staff training and certain multilingual notices. Requires the Attorney General to publish model policies. (CD1)

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