
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ADOPTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 578, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§578- Website information; agencies providing support
5 for pregnant women; adoption information. (a) On or before
6 February 1, 2027, the department of human services shall provide
7 on the department's public website home page the following
8 easily comprehensible information, in both English and Hawaiian:

9 (1) A list of public and private agencies and services
10 available to assist a woman through pregnancy, on
11 childbirth and while her child is dependent. Any
12 agency that counsels, refers, performs, induces,
13 prescribes or provides any means for abortion may not
14 be included on the list.

15 (2) Each agency's services, physical address, telephone
16 number and website address, if available.

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1 (b) All information provided pursuant to subparagraph (A)
2 of this section shall be available in an easily downloadable
3 printed format."

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 578, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§578- Adoption promotion task force; appointments;
8 duties; compensation; delayed repeal. (a) The adoption
9 promotion task force is established in the department of human
10 services consisting of the following members:

11 (1) Two licensed clinical social workers who have
12 experience in assisting birth mothers in navigating
13 the adoption process, appointed by the director;
14 (2) Two residents of this state who provide pre-abortion
15 or post-abortion counseling in association with a
16 nonprofit organization that does not counsel for or
17 provide abortion, appointed by the director;
18 (3) Two attorneys who are licensed in this state and who
19 specialize either in advocating for women at risk of
20 being coerced into abortion or in navigating the
21 adoption process, appointed by the director;



1 (4) Two residents of this state who are employed by public
2 or private nonprofit adoption agencies, appointed by
3 the director;

4 (5) Two executive directors, or their designees, of
5 nonprofit organizations that promote adoption as an
6 alternative to abortion, appointed by the director;

7 (6) Two members of the senate, who are appointed by the
8 president of the senate; and

9 (7) Two members of the house of representatives, who are
10 appointed by the speaker of the house of
11 representatives.

12 (b) The adoption promotion task force shall advise the
13 department of human services on:

14 (1) Preparing the website information required by section
15 578- , Hawaii Revised Statutes, as added by this Act;
16 and

17 (2) Developing a public education initiative to promote
18 adoption.

19 (c) The task force shall serve until it has accomplished
20 the purpose of this Act or twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the regular session of 2028, whichever occurs first.



1 (d) The members of the task force shall serve without
2 compensation but shall be reimbursed by the department of human
3 services for necessary expenses, including travel expenses,
4 incurred for service on the task force. No member of the task
5 force shall be made subject to section 84-17, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes, solely because of that member's participation on the
7 task force. The task force shall be exempt from chapter 92,
8 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9 (e) This section is repealed on July 1, 2028.

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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H.B. NO. 2396

Report Title:

DHS; Adoption; Maternal Health; Motherhood; Task Force

Description:

Requires the Department of Human Services to place a link on its public website homepage directing users to information to assist women throughout pregnancy and provide options for adoption. Establishes an Adoption Promotion Task Force.

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