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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 368, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§368- Civil rights violations helpline; established.

(a) The civil rights commission shall establish and maintain a twenty-four hour, toll-free telephone helpline to assist individuals who have been harmed, whose immediate or extended family have been harmed, or who witness harm by federal troop deployments, federal law enforcement, or immigration enforcement operations in the State.

(b) The helpline shall:

(1) Assist individuals in finding resources, including all county and state government assistance programs for which they are eligible, information on social and legal assistance, and school emergency response, crisis intervention, and other programs for students;



1 (2) Receive anonymized calls relating to allegations or
2 complaints of misconduct or harm caused by any federal
3 law enforcement officer or military personnel
4 operating in the State; and

5 (3) Have voicemail capabilities, an internet website, and
6 provide translation and disability access services.

7 (c) Reports to the helpline of violations of state civil
8 rights law shall be investigated by the civil rights commission.

9 (d) The civil rights commission shall advertise the
10 helpline and make materials available to the public to encourage
11 reports to the helpline for those who experience or witness
12 civil rights violations.

13 (e) All reports and other communications to the helpline
14 shall remain confidential pursuant to section 368-4.

15 (f) The civil rights commission shall maintain a secure
16 database of all reports received by the helpline.

17 (g) The civil rights commission shall compile and submit
18 an annual report to the legislature that includes aggregated
19 data from the helpline and information on federal law
20 enforcement and military deployments in the State. All



1 personally identifiable information in the report shall be
2 redacted. The report shall include the following:

3 (1) Number and type of reports received by the helpline;

4 (2) Law enforcement agencies involved;

5 (3) Number of arrests made, including the offense, charges
6 filed, final disposition, and amount of time between
7 the initial arrest and disposition;

8 (4) Patterns or trends regarding misconduct, excessive use
9 of force, racial profiling, and other federal and
10 state civil rights violations; and

11 (5) Recommendations for policy and training improvements.

12 (h) The civil rights commission shall convene at least one
13 public hearing every calendar year to present findings from the
14 annual public report described in subsection (g). The civil
15 rights commission shall provide public notice of the hearing."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

18 INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2055

Report Title:

Civil Rights Commission; Civil Rights; Helpline; Federal Deployments; Annual Report

Description:

Requires the Civil Rights Commission to establish a helpline for individuals to submit reports of harms from federal deployments in the State. Requires the Civil Rights Commission to compile an annual report and hold an annual public hearing on data obtained through the helpline.

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