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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAFE COMMUNITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§28- Safe community places. (a) The attorney general
5 shall designate facilities operated by the State to serve as
6 safe community places, including all:

7 (1) Hospitals and other facilities that provide health
8 care services;
9 (2) Schools and pre-schools;
10 (3) Libraries;
11 (4) Disaster and emergency response sites;
12 (5) Courthouses;
13 (6) Homeless shelters, rape crisis centers, domestic
14 violence shelters, family justice centers, and human
15 trafficking service providers;
16 (7) Legal service providers;
17 (8) Park and recreation centers;



1 (9) Community resource centers; and
2 (10) Other locations designated by the attorney general.
3 (b) No employee or agent acting on behalf of a safe
4 community place shall provide voluntary consent for federal law
5 enforcement agents to enter a nonpublic area of the facility for
6 operations that identify or seek to identify, apprehend, arrest,
7 or impose any other civil or criminal penalty for:
8 (1) Activities protected by the First Amendment of the
9 United States Constitution, including rights to free
10 speech and press, peaceable assembly, and petition the
11 government for a redress of grievances; or
12 (2) Immigration enforcement.
13 (c) This section shall not prevent an employee or agent
14 acting on behalf of a safe community place from complying with a
15 valid judicial warrant."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2058

Report Title:

Safe Community Places; Voluntary Consent; Law Enforcement; First Amendment; Immigration Enforcement

Description:

Requires the Attorney General to designate safe community places. Prohibits employees at safe community places from providing voluntary consent to federal law enforcement agents for operations that identify or seek to identify apprehend, arrest, or impose any other penalty for activities protected by the First Amendment or immigration enforcement.

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