
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL WORKERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the safety and well-
2 being of Hawaii's educational workers are essential to the
3 effective operation of the State's public schools. In recent
4 years, school administrators, teachers, counselors, and other
5 educational staff have experienced severe harassment,
6 intimidation, and disruptive conduct by certain individuals.
7 These types of actions have included persistent threats, hostile
8 communications, and behavior that creates fear, disrupts
9 workflow, and impedes the ability of schools to carry out
10 legally required duties.

11 The legislature notes that this Act is not intended to
12 restrict good-faith communication, parental advocacy, or
13 participation in school matters. Rather, it addresses extreme
14 conduct that intentionally harasses educational workers or
15 obstructs the functions of a school, school administration
16 office, or school board.

17 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:



- 1 (1) Include the disruption or interference with the
- 2 administration or functions of any school, school
- 3 administration office, or school board in the offense
- 4 of harassment; and
- 5 (2) Elevate the penalty for harassment to a misdemeanor
- 6 when the recipient is an educational worker.

7 SECTION 2. Section 711-1106, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **"§711-1106 Harassment.** (1) A person commits the offense
10 of harassment if, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm any
11 other person, that person:

12 (a) Strikes, shoves, kicks, or otherwise touches another
13 person in an offensive manner or subjects the other
14 person to offensive physical contact;

15 (b) Insults, taunts, or challenges another person in a
16 manner likely to provoke an immediate violent response
17 or that would cause the other person to reasonably
18 believe that the actor intends to cause bodily injury
19 to the recipient or another or damage to the property
20 of the recipient or another;





10 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
11 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
12 begun before its effective date.

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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