
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 134C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending its title to read as follows:

3 "[+]CHAPTER 134C[+]

4 OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE [AND VIOLENT CRIMES COMMISSION]

5 PREVENTION"

6 SECTION 2. Section 134C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "[+]§134C-1[+]—~~Gun~~ Office of gun violence [and violent
9 ~~crimes commission;]~~ prevention; established. (a) There is

10 established the office of gun violence [and violent crimes
11 ~~commission]~~ prevention that shall be placed within the
12 department of the attorney general for administrative purposes
13 only.

14 (b) The administrative head of the office shall be a
15 director, who shall be nominated and appointed by the governor.

16 The office may employ analysts, grant writers, and other staff
17 necessary for the purposes of the office."



1 SECTION 3. Section 134C-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~[+]§134C-3[—Gun]~~ Office of gun violence ~~[and violent~~
4 ~~crimes commission;]~~ prevention; powers and duties. (a) The
5 purpose of the office of gun violence ~~[and violent crimes~~
6 ~~commission]~~ prevention shall be to ~~[address]~~ develop
7 comprehensive strategies to prevent and minimize the risk of
8 various types of gun violence ~~[and violent crimes]~~ in ~~[Hawaii.]~~
9 the State, including suicide, mass shootings, and other forms of
10 gun violence.

11 (b) The ~~[gun violence and violent crimes commission shall~~
12 ~~provide coordination, facilitation, and planning among]~~ office
13 may coordinate with state and county agencies, federal agencies,
14 and other partners as appropriate to carry out its purpose.

15 (c) The ~~[gun violence and violent crimes commission shall~~
16 ~~endeavor to:]~~ office shall:

17 (1) ~~[Identify]~~ Collect relevant data that may be used to
18 inform strategies to reduce gun violence ~~[and violent~~
19 ~~crimes;]~~, including from law enforcement agencies and
20 other governmental entities; provided that the office
21 shall redact and keep confidential any information

- 1 that directly or indirectly identifies specific names
2 or individuals;
- 3 (2) Identify areas in which relevant data that may be
4 valuable is not available[+] and endeavor to collect
5 the data;
- 6 ~~[(3) Maximize the sharing between the agencies represented~~
7 ~~on the commission and other appropriate stakeholders~~
8 ~~of data relevant to reducing gun violence and violent~~
9 ~~crimes; and~~
- 10 ~~+(4)]~~ (3) [Coordinate and conduct research on gun violence
11 ~~and violent crimes.] Analyze relevant data, and build~~
12 and maintain the capacity for that analysis; and
- 13 (4) Develop programs and make recommendations to the
14 governor and legislature to prevent and minimize the
15 risk of gun violence in the State.
- 16 (d) The ~~[gun violence and violent crimes commission]~~
17 office may work with and engage stakeholders for the purposes of
18 this chapter.
- 19 (e) The ~~[gun violence and violent crimes commission shall~~
20 ~~submit a]~~ office shall report [ef] its findings and
21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature [~~no later than forty days prior to the convening of~~
2 ~~the regular session of 2022 and each regular session~~
3 ~~thereafter~~], the several counties, and various stakeholders on
4 [policy relating to preventing] the office's strategies to
5 prevent and minimize the risk of gun violence [and violent
6 crimes]."

7 SECTION 4. Section 134C-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 repealed.

9 [~~"§134C-2 Gun violence and violent crimes commission;~~
10 ~~membership.~~ (a) ~~The attorney general or the attorney general's~~
11 ~~designee shall coordinate and serve as the chair of the gun~~
12 ~~violence and violent crimes commission.~~

13 (b) ~~The following individuals, or their designees, shall~~
14 ~~serve as members of the gun violence and violent crimes~~
15 ~~commission:~~

- 16 (1) ~~The chief justice of the supreme court of Hawaii;~~
- 17 (2) ~~The director of health;~~
- 18 (3) ~~The director of law enforcement;~~
- 19 (4) ~~A county prosecuting attorney to be selected by the~~
20 ~~chair of the commission;~~
- 21 (5) ~~The public defender;~~



- 1 ~~(6) The chief of police of each county;~~
- 2 ~~(7) The administrator of the Hawaii state hospital;~~
- 3 ~~(8) The dean of the college of social sciences at the~~
- 4 ~~University of Hawaii at Manoa;~~
- 5 ~~(9) The dean of the John A. Burns school of medicine;~~
- 6 ~~(10) One representative from a group that advocates for~~
- 7 ~~stricter gun safety laws; and~~
- 8 ~~(11) One representative from a firearm advocacy group.~~

9 ~~(c) The chair of the gun violence and violent crimes~~
10 ~~commission may request the participation or input of experts in~~
11 ~~gun violence and violent crimes; county, state, and federal~~
12 ~~officials; members of the public; and other persons as~~
13 ~~necessary.~~

14 ~~(d) The members of the gun violence and violent crimes~~
15 ~~commission shall serve without compensation but may be~~
16 ~~reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including~~
17 ~~travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their duties."]~~

18 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
21 the office of gun violence prevention for:



- 1 (1) The establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0
- 2 FTE) director position; and
- 3 (2) Operating costs and equipment, including equipment
- 4 necessary for analyzing relevant data relating to gun
- 5 violence.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000;
11 provided that section 5 shall take effect on July 1, 2026.



Report Title:

AG; Office of Gun Violence Prevention; Appropriation

Description:

Replaces the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission with the Office of Gun Violence Prevention. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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