

ACT 176

H.B. NO. 608

A Bill for an Act Relating to Investigators of the Department of Social Services and Housing.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 346-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 346-4.5 Investigators; authority and access to records. The director shall appoint and commission one or more investigators as the exigencies of the public service may require. Persons appointed and commissioned under this section shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of a police officer or of a deputy sheriff, provided that the persons so appointed and commissioned shall not carry any firearms. Information necessary to investigate fraud and other crimes relating to public assistance, to locate absent parents, to establish paternity, and to obtain and enforce court orders of support, and contained within the records of any agency, board, commission, authority, or committee of the State or its political subdivisions shall be made available to any commissioned investigator of the department of social services and housing, notwithstanding any provision for confidentiality.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.*

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

(Approved June 5, 1979.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.