

ACT 269

H. B. NO. 2357-80

A Bill for an Act Relating to Criminal History Record Information.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 846, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read:

**“Sec. 846- Purpose of the criminal justice information data center. (a)** The Hawaii criminal justice information data center, hereinafter referred to as the “data center”, shall be responsible for the collection, storage, dissemination, and analysis of all pertinent criminal history record information from all criminal justice

agencies and to provide for the collection, storage, and dissemination of criminal history record information by criminal justice agencies in such a manner as to balance the right of the public and press to be informed, the right of privacy of individual citizens, and the necessity for law enforcement agencies to utilize the tools needed to prevent crimes and detect criminals in support of the right of the public to be free from crime and the fear of crime.

(b) In order to accomplish this purpose, the data center shall publish periodic reports which shall provide the public with a clear view of the criminal justice systems.”

SECTION 2. Section 846-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“**Sec. 846-2 Establishment of the data center.** There shall be a data center which shall be attached to the judiciary for administrative purposes until July 1, 1981, at which time the data center shall be attached to the department of the attorney general for administrative purposes. The data center shall be directed and managed by an interim director to be appointed by the governor until July 1, 1981, and thereafter, by a director appointed by the attorney general. There shall also be a committee, appointed by the attorney general, composed of selected criminal justice user-agency personnel, to act in an advisory capacity to the data center in matters related to interagency coordination and user needs.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.\*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 13, 1980.)

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