

ACT 30

S.B. NO. 388

A Bill for an Act Relating to Police Departments.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that requiring county police departments to post their domestic violence policies, officer-involved domestic violence policies, and standards of conduct online will offer assurances to the public that there are policies in place for responding to these incidents. Posting these policies online will bring additional accountability and transparency to the police departments and ensure that police departments properly enforce the State's domestic violence laws, regardless of the identity of the perpetrator.

The purpose of this Act is to require each county police department to post its policies relating to domestic violence, officer-involved domestic violence, and standards of conduct on its official website.

SECTION 2. Chapter 52D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§52D- Domestic violence policies; standard of conduct policies. Each county police department shall post its policies relating to domestic violence, officer-involved domestic violence, and standards of conduct on its official website.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

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

(Approved May 5, 2015.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.