
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JUVENILES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 571-31.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Informal adjustment under this section may include,
4 among other suitable methods, programs, and procedures, the
5 following:

- 6 (1) Participation in restitution projects to obtain
7 appropriate victim satisfaction;
- 8 (2) Participation in community service projects so as to
9 establish the child's self value in the community;
- 10 (3) Participation in community-based programs which work
11 with the child and family to maintain and strengthen
12 the family unit so that the child may be retained in
13 the child's own home;
- 14 (4) Submission to neighborhood courts or panels upon
15 procedures to be established by the court. As used in
16 this paragraph "neighborhood courts or panels" are
17 community organizations designed to settle minor



- 1 disputes between parties on a voluntary basis using
- 2 mediation or nonbinding arbitration;
- 3 (5) Participation in programs to support, counsel, or
- 4 provide work and recreational opportunities to help
- 5 prevent delinquency;
- 6 (6) Participation in educational programs or supportive
- 7 services designed to help delinquents and to encourage
- 8 other youths to remain in elementary and secondary
- 9 schools or in alternative learning situations;
- 10 (7) Participation in youth-initiated programs and outreach
- 11 programs designed to assist youth and families;
- 12 (8) Appropriate physical and medical examinations,
- 13 vocational and aptitude testing, examinations for
- 14 learning disabilities or emotional dysfunctions, and
- 15 suitable counseling and therapy;
- 16 (9) Placement with nonsecure or secure shelter facilities;
- 17 ~~[or]~~
- 18 (10) Restitution providing for monetary payment by the
- 19 parents of the child~~[-]~~; or
- 20 (11) Participation in a restorative justice program where
- 21 the child and the child's parents or guardian, along
- 22 with other supporters of the child, may meet with the



1 victim harmed by the child's law violation, along with
2 the victim's supporters."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Juveniles; Informal Adjustment; Restorative Justice

Description:

Provides the option of participating in a restorative justice program for children who are undergoing informal adjustment by a court or other designated agency, which program may involve the child and the child's parents or guardian meeting with the victim harmed by the child's law violation. Effective on 07/01/50. (SD1)

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