
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 584, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§584- Court filings; minutes of proceedings; posting
5 requirement. The judiciary shall post on its website the titles
6 of all court filings and the minutes of court proceedings in
7 cases brought under this chapter; provided that the judiciary
8 shall redact information in which an individual has a
9 significant privacy interest under section 92F-14."

10 SECTION 2. Section 571-84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) The court shall maintain records of all cases brought
13 before it. Except as provided in [~~section~~] sections 571-84.6[~~7~~]
14 and 584- , in proceedings under section 571-11 and in paternity
15 proceedings under chapter 584, the following records shall be
16 withheld from public inspection: the court docket, petitions,
17 complaints, motions, and other papers filed in any case;



1 transcripts of testimony taken by the court; and findings,
2 judgments, orders, decrees, and other papers other than social
3 records filed in proceedings before the court. The records
4 other than social records shall be open to inspection: by the
5 parties and their attorneys, by an institution or agency to
6 which custody of a minor has been transferred, and by an
7 individual who has been appointed guardian; with consent of the
8 judge, by persons having a legitimate interest in the
9 proceedings from the standpoint of the welfare of the minor;
10 and, pursuant to order of the court or the rules of court, by
11 persons conducting pertinent research studies, and by persons,
12 institutions, and agencies having a legitimate interest in the
13 protection, welfare, treatment, or disposition of the minor."

14 SECTION 3. Section 584-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 repealed.

16 ~~["§584-20 Hearings and records; confidentiality. (a)~~
17 ~~Notwithstanding any other law concerning public hearings and~~
18 ~~records, any hearing or trial held under this chapter shall be~~
19 ~~held in closed court without admittance of any person other than~~
20 ~~those persons necessary to the action or proceeding. All papers~~
21 ~~and records pertaining to the action or proceeding, whether part~~



1 ~~of the permanent record of the court or of a file in the~~
2 ~~department of health or elsewhere, shall be subject to~~
3 ~~inspection only upon consent of the court and all interested~~
4 ~~persons, or in exceptional cases only upon an order of the court~~
5 ~~for good cause shown.~~

6 ~~(b) Upon paternity being established, the confidentiality~~
7 ~~requirement shall not extend to the judgment and all~~
8 ~~subsequently filed documents that are used in good faith for~~
9 ~~support and medical expenses, insurance, or enforcement~~
10 ~~purposes, except that the confidentiality requirement shall~~
11 ~~continue to apply to any references to a non adjudicated alleged~~
12 ~~or presumed father."]~~

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on March 15, 2094.
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Report Title:

Uniform Parentage Act; Filings; Minutes; Judiciary; Website;
Attorney General; Siblings; Combined Case

Description:

Requires the Judiciary to post the titles of all filings and all minutes in paternity cases to the Judiciary's website after redacting any information in which an individual has a significant privacy interest. Establishes the same confidentiality standards for paternity cases as other cases heard by the family court. Effective 3/15/2094. (SD1)

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