
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the judiciary
2 for administrative purposes a task force to determine existing
3 diversion programs statewide that can assist the State's youth,
4 including providing access to and linkage with services. The
5 judiciary shall work in collaboration with the office of youth
6 services in administrating the task force.

7 (b) The task force shall be co-chaired by the chief
8 justice of the Hawaii supreme court and the executive director
9 of the office of youth services, or their respective designees,
10 and shall consist of the following members or their designees:

11 (1) Executive director of Hawaii Youth Services Network;

12 (2) Executive director of Hawaii Children's Action
13 Network;

14 (3) Executive director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center;

15 and

16 (4) Executive director of PHOCUSED.



1 Members of the task force may recommend additional members
2 with appropriate specialized expertise to the task force,
3 subject to the approval by the co-chairpersons.

4 (c) The task force shall determine existing diversion
5 programs statewide that can assist the State's youth, including
6 providing access to and linkage with services that provide:

- 7 (1) Domestic violence prevention or reduction;
- 8 (2) Violence and trauma recovery and support;
- 9 (3) Human trafficking resources and prevention;
- 10 (4) Suicide prevention;
- 11 (5) Resources targeted at teenagers, including teen
12 pregnancy prevention;
- 13 (6) Tobacco cessation;
- 14 (7) Alcohol and substance abuse support;
- 15 (8) Assistance for youth to achieve their educational and
16 vocational goals; and
- 17 (9) Other relationship-building and life skills.

18 (d) The task force shall also consider the needs of the
19 post-youth population of eighteen to twenty-four year old
20 individuals in order to provide a continuum of care.



1 (e) Members of the task force shall serve without
2 compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses, including
3 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

4 (f) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
5 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
6 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the regular
7 session of 2020.

8 (g) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2020.

9 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Keiki Caucus; Judiciary; Office of Youth Services; Youth Services; Programs; Task Force

Description:

Requires the Judiciary to collaborate with the Office of Youth Services to establish a task force to determine existing diversion programs statewide that can assist the State's youth, and to consider the post-youth needs of the eighteen to twenty-four year old population in order to provide a continuum of care. (SB1019 HD2)

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