
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA.

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

1 SECTION 1. The reporting of comprehensive crime data is
2 important to criminal justice agencies, elected officials, crime
3 prevention groups, and the general public. The Federal Bureau
4 of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program generates
5 these reports and, in Hawaii, the program is administered by the
6 crime prevention and justice assistance division's research and
7 statistics branch of the department of the attorney general.
8 The attorney general's primary sources of data are the county
9 police departments, but the counties have not always been able
10 to provide the necessary information in a timely manner. More
11 than sixty-six per cent of the states mandate the reporting of
12 crime statistics; Hawaii does not. The United States Department
13 of Justice is taking steps to ensure timely and accurate crime
14 reporting, and it is critical that the State similarly ensures
15 prompt and complete reporting.

16 To better assist the attorney general in the reporting of
17 critical criminal justice data, this Act clarifies the



1 responsibilities of county police departments to provide all
2 necessary data in a timely manner.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 846, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§846- Statistical crime reporting responsibility of
7 county chiefs of police and agencies. (a) The chiefs of police
8 of the counties of the State and agencies of state and county
9 governments having power of arrest shall provide to the attorney
10 general crime incident reports and any other information
11 regarding crimes committed within their respective jurisdictions
12 as necessary for the attorney general to operate a statewide
13 crime reporting program and to cooperate with the Federal Bureau
14 of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The reports
15 shall be submitted to the attorney general in the manner, form,
16 and time schedule as the attorney general may prescribe.

17 The attorney general may audit the reporting entities to
18 determine the accuracy of the reports and other information
19 required by this subsection.

20 (b) The county of a chief of police who fails to comply
21 with the requirements of this section shall be assessed a fine



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1 of \$100 for each day the chief of police is not in compliance.
2 The attorney general shall enforce this penalty and deposit the
3 finances into the general fund."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Criminal Justice Data

Description:

Requires chiefs of police and agencies of State and county government that have the power of arrest to report crime incident reports to the Attorney General. Counties shall be fined for noncompliance by county police departments.

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