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

17           The purpose of this Act is to assist the attorney general  
18 in the reporting of critical criminal justice data and to



1 clarify the responsibilities of county police departments to  
2 provide all 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 and other state and county agencies having power  
9 of arrest shall provide to the attorney general crime incident  
10 reports and any other information regarding crimes committed  
11 within their respective jurisdictions as necessary for the  
12 attorney general to operate a statewide crime reporting program  
13 and to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's  
14 uniform crime reporting program. The reports shall be submitted  
15 to the attorney general in the manner, form, and time schedule  
16 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) A fine of \$100 for each day of noncompliance with the  
21 requirements of this section shall be levied against:



1        (1) The county of a chief of police or a county agency  
2            that fails to comply with the requirements of this  
3            section; or  
4        (2) The state agency that fails to comply with the  
5            requirements of this section.  
6 The attorney general shall enforce this penalty and deposit the  
7 finances into the general fund."

8            SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9            SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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**Report Title:**

Criminal Justice Data; Crime Reporting

**Description:**

Requires chiefs of police and state and county agencies that have the power of arrest to report crime incident reports and other crime information to the Attorney General. Establishes penalties for state and county agency noncompliance with the requirements. Effective January 1, 2017. (SD1)

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