

HAWAII YOUTH & GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE

SAMPLE SCHOOL/YMCA

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH WELLBEING

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to improve youth wellbeing throughout the State of Hawaii. Young people are the future of Hawaii and deserve every opportunity to succeed. Many young people face challenges that affect their wellbeing and ability to thrive. This Act seeks to ensure that all youth have access to the support, opportunities, and resources necessary to live healthy, successful, and fulfilling lives.

SECTION 2. Youth Wellbeing Initiative

The State of Hawaii shall establish the Youth Wellbeing Initiative.

The Youth Wellbeing Initiative shall work to improve youth wellbeing across Hawaii by supporting youth and ensuring that youth have opportunities for success.

The initiative shall encourage positive outcomes and positive experiences for all young people.

SECTION 3. Support for Youth

All schools and communities shall provide appropriate support for youth wellbeing.

Additional programs, services, resources, activities, and opportunities shall be made available whenever necessary to improve wellbeing outcomes.

Communities shall work together to ensure that every young person has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

SECTION 4. Public Awareness

The State shall promote awareness of youth wellbeing.

Public awareness campaigns may be conducted to help educate the public about youth wellbeing and the importance of supporting young people.

The State shall encourage all residents to support youth wellbeing whenever possible.

SECTION 5. Outcomes

The implementation of this Act shall:

- (1) Improve youth wellbeing statewide;
- (2) Reduce negative outcomes affecting youth;
- (3) Increase opportunities for all young people;
- (4) Ensure that all youth have access to the resources they need;
- (5) Create healthier communities throughout Hawai'i.

SECTION 6. Funding

Appropriate funding may be used as necessary to support this Act.

SECTION 7. Effective Date

This Act shall take effect upon approval.