

END JUVENILE SYSTEM FEES & FINES AGAINST HAWAI'I 'ŌPIO

HB 129

TARNAS, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAPELA, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA

HAWAI'I STATE LAW AUTHORIZES COSTLY AND PUNITIVE MONETARY SANCTIONS AGAINST YOUTH AND FAMILIES.

FEES

Costs ordered by the court to fund the administration of the court system, rather than punish individuals for offenses.

\$40+ Drug Testing Fee
HRS 353G-10

UP TO
\$500 Compensation Fee
HRS 351-62.6

UP TO
\$100 Drivers Education
HRS 286G-3

FINES

Penalties ordered by the court, according to the type of accused crime, to punish and deter someone from re-committing offenses.

UP TO
\$500 Vehicular Fines
HRS 286-136

UP TO
\$100 Dancehall Fine
HRS 577-24

FROM
2021 TO 2025,
ONLY

17%

OF JUVENILE
FINES HAVE
BEEN PAID

Hawai'i State Judiciary Report, 2024

JUVENILE SYSTEM FEES & FINES CREATE SYSTEMIC HARM

RACIAL

Punitive systems built on financial penalties only perpetuate cycles of harm, disproportionately impacting Native Hawaiians and communities of color.

HB 129 lifts this unfair weight off the shoulders of families and opens the door to real accountability and growth.

Nā 'Ōpio Waiwai Youth Council
'Ekolu Mea Nui

ECONOMIC

Many of our juveniles involved in the court system are struggling with everything—from access to food . . . to a working phone. HB 129 will help juveniles and their families concentrate their financial resources on accessing other services more in line with rehabilitation

Hawai'i Office of the Public Defender

END CRIMINAL SYSTEM FEES & FINES AGAINST HAWAI'I 'ŌPIO

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HAWAI'I IS ALREADY TAKING ACTION TO HOLD YOUTH ACCOUNTABLE WITHOUT THE IMPOSITION OF CRUSHING COURT DEBT

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[T]he intent and purpose of this bill are admirable and the strategies employed are evidence-based. Further, as noted in the bill's Preamble, **family courts across the state already rarely impose fines, fees, or costs on youths and their parents.**

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Hawai'i State Judiciary Testimony, 2024

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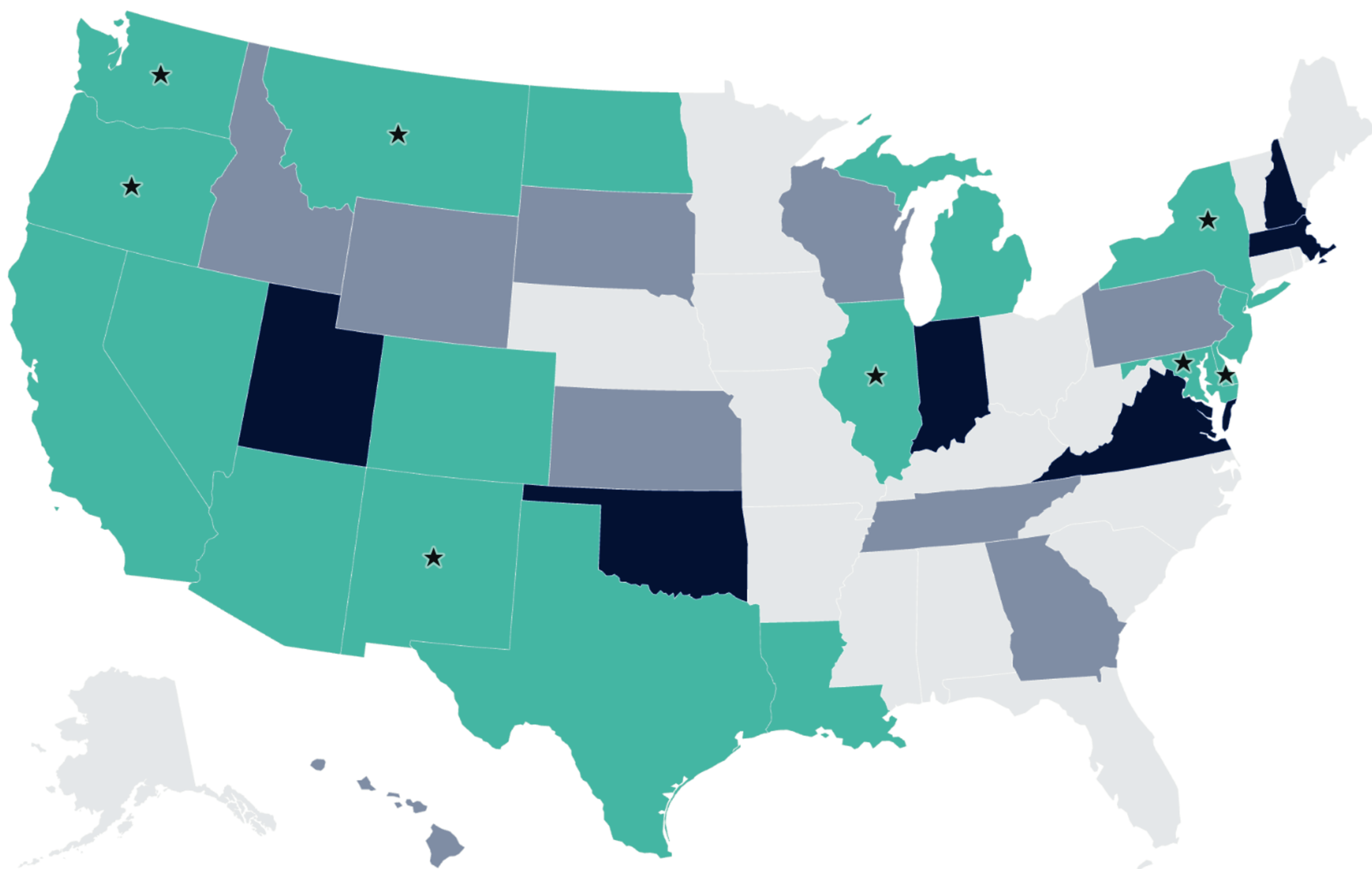
Hawai'i stands apart in continuing to permit these sanctions under state law. . . **Removing the legal basis for youth fees and fines aligns with Hawaii's broader justice reform efforts and reflects the state's commitment to equity and effective practices.**

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Hawai'i Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council

JOIN THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO END YOUTH FEES & FINES

Comprehensive Elimination Partial Elimination Local or Other Reform No Reform Enacted



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