# Hawaii

## Birth Defects Surveillance System

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| HI    | STATUTE: H.R.S. Chapters 321 and 324 | **[§321-422] Birth defects program.** The department of health shall establish the statewide birth defects program to:  
(1) Collect surveillance information on birth defects and other adverse reproductive outcomes; ... | **[§324-42] Information collection.** (a) Health care facilities and health care providers shall make available to the [birth defects program] information contained in health care records that pertain to birth defects or other adverse reproductive outcomes.  
(b) Any person or public or private health care facility may provide information or other data or relevant material relating to individuals with birth defects or adverse reproductive outcomes to the [birth defects program] for inclusion in the birth defects registry.... | [PART V.] BIRTH DEFECTS STUDIES [§324-41] Definitions. "Registry" means a collection of data organized so that the information can be processed and made available for research. | NO | YES |
(d) No liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief shall arise or be enforced against any person or organization by reason of having provided information or material to the [birth defects program].

[§324-43] Use of collected information. (a) The information collected under this part shall be used by the department of health or researchers only for the purpose of advancing medical and public health research, medical education, or education of the public in the interest of reducing morbidity or mortality, and only as approved by an institutional review board.