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State legislatures consider and enact laws that address the administration and use of forensic science by state justice systems. Issues addressed in these measures include the delegation of oversight responsibilities for forensic services, accreditation standards for forensic laboratories, access to post-conviction DNA testing, the collection and analysis of DNA samples from arrested and convicted individuals and procedures for eyewitness identification. Following is information on this state's legislative activity on forensic science issues. More information on forensic science policy from all 50 states and the District of Columbia is available on the NCSL [forensic science page](#).



Administration of State Forensic Services.....§§ 844D-1, 2, 51 through 57

The state administers its forensic services through the Police Department of the City of Honolulu.

Laboratory Accreditation Requirements.....§ 844D-54

The state requires accreditation for forensic laboratories in numerous forensic disciplines.

Convicted Offender DNA Analysis.....§§ 844D-31, 39

People convicted of any felony or sex crime misdemeanor must submit a DNA sample to state officials.

Post Conviction DNA Analysis.....§§ 844D-121 through 133

The state allows an individual convicted of and sentenced for a crime, or acquitted on the ground of physical or mental disease, disorder, or defect, to apply for post-conviction DNA testing. Their application must raise a reasonable probability of actual innocence. Hawaii code has specifications for the preservation of biological evidence.

Sexual Assault Evidence and Backlogs.....HCR 99 (2011)

State standards address protocols for sexual assault evidence collection and backlogged medical kits.

