
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that existing legislation
2 and law enforcement activities in Hawaii are inadequate to deter
3 human trafficking and bring traffickers to justice. Hawaii law
4 does not penalize the full range of offenses involved in the
5 trafficking scheme. Instead, even the most brutal instances of
6 trafficking are punished under laws that also apply to lesser
7 offenses, allowing traffickers to escape deserved punishment.

8 The legislature also finds that the United States Congress
9 passed the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act,
10 the first comprehensive piece of legislation aimed at addressing
11 the range of injustices perpetrated by traffickers. Likewise,
12 to deter human trafficking, Hawaii must recognize that
13 trafficking is a serious offense. This is done, in the first
14 instance, by prescribing appropriate punishment and ensuring
15 that state anti-trafficking laws are compatible with the Victims
16 of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act.

17 The purpose of this Act is to establish a task force to
18 determine how Hawaii can best combat and deter human



1 trafficking, which is a contemporary manifestation of slavery,
2 to ensure just and effective punishment of traffickers, prevent
3 or reduce human trafficking, and protect the rights of
4 trafficked persons.

5 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the Hawaii anti-
6 trafficking task force. The anti-trafficking task force shall
7 be comprised of the following:

- 8 (1) The attorney general, or the attorney general's
9 designees;
- 10 (2) The directors of health, human services, and labor, or
11 their designees;
- 12 (3) The chief of police of each county or the chief's
13 designee;
- 14 (4) The prosecuting attorney of each county, or the
15 prosecutor's designee;
- 16 (5) The director of the victim and witness assistance
17 program of the department of the prosecuting attorney,
18 city and county of Honolulu;
- 19 (6) The Salvation Army;
- 20 (7) Sisters Offering Support;
- 21 (8) The Sex Abuse Treatment Center;
- 22 (9) GirlFest;



- 1 (10) Na Loio Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal
2 Center;
- 3 (11) The Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline;
4 and
- 5 (12) The Hawaii State Coalition Against Sexual Assault.
- 6 The Task Force members shall serve without compensation but
7 shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses,
8 necessary for the performance of their duties.
- 9 (b) The task force shall carry out the following
10 activities:
- 11 (1) Compile and review statutes, rules, and information
12 relating to programs adopted in other states to combat
13 human trafficking and to provide services to its
14 victims;
- 15 (2) Recommend further changes to Hawaii law necessary to
16 assist in the prevention of human trafficking and to
17 provide support to victims;
- 18 (3) Develop protocols and training for individuals within
19 designated state agencies, nongovernmental
20 organizations, and private entities regarding
21 provision of services to trafficked persons;



1 (4) Develop interagency procedures to collect and organize
2 data, including research and resource information on
3 domestic trafficking, and to measure the extent of the
4 need for protection and assistance to victims of
5 trafficking; and

6 (5) Engage in consultation with governmental and
7 nongovernmental organizations, among other entities,
8 to advance the purposes of this Act.

9 (c) The anti-trafficking task force is authorized to seek
10 federal grants available to states, local government, and
11 nonprofit organizations for personnel, training, services, and
12 programs that are related to the task force's activities.

13 (d) Not less than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 the regular sessions of 2007 and 2008, the task force shall
15 provide to the legislature a report on its activities.

16 (e) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, 2008.

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the
20 purpose of supporting the work of the anti-trafficking task
21 force established by section 2, including the payment of

1 reasonable travel expenses for task force members to attend
2 meetings.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



Report Title:

Human Trafficking; Criminal Offenses; Protection of Victims

Description:

Establishes a task force to compile and review law and information from other states regarding support for victims of human trafficking and to recommend changes to Hawaii law and programs. (HB2051 CD1)

