
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE ISSUE AND DEVELOP
LEGISLATION TO HALT HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the existing
2 legislation and law enforcement activities in Hawaii are
3 inadequate to deter human trafficking, to bring traffickers to
4 justice, and to protect the rights of trafficked persons; and
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6 WHEREAS, no comprehensive law exists in Hawaii that
7 penalizes the range of offenses involved in the trafficking
8 scheme; and
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10 WHEREAS, existing Hawaii law does not recognizes the needs
11 and rights of trafficked persons, who are often in the
12 destination country without proper documentation; and
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14 WHEREAS, trafficked persons often find it difficult or
15 impossible to report the crimes committed against them or to
16 assist in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes
17 because they are typically unfamiliar with our laws, culture,
18 and language; and
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20 WHEREAS, adequate services and facilities do not exist in
21 Hawaii to meet the needs of trafficking victims for health care,
22 housing, education, and legal assistance, which safely support
23 the recovery and ability of trafficked persons to regain control
24 of their lives and to assist with the prosecution of
25 traffickers; and
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27 WHEREAS, to deter human trafficking, Hawaii must recognize
28 that trafficking is a serious offense, must proscribe
29 appropriate punishment for traffickers, and must protect rather
30 than punish the victims of human trafficking; and
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that human trafficking is a
2 serious issue that must be addressed; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
5 establish an anti-human trafficking task force to examine the
6 issue and to develop proposed legislation; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be
9 comprised of the following members:

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11 (1) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's
12 designee;
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14 (2) The Director of Human Services, or the Director's
15 designee;
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17 (3) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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19 (4) The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, or the
20 Director's designee;
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22 (5) An attorney from the Office of the Public Defender;
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24 (6) A member from each county's prosecuting attorneys'
25 office;
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27 (7) A commissioner from each county's police department or
28 their designee;
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30 (8) The Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the
31 Status of Women, or the Director's designee;
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33 (9) The Director of the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse
34 and Legal Hotline, or the Director's designee; and
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36 (10) The Director of Na Loio Immigrant and Public Interest
37 Legal Center, or the Director's designee; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General or the
40 Attorney General's designee shall designate the chairperson of
41 the task force, who shall have the primary responsibility in
42 carrying out the purposes of this resolution; and

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- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall:
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- 3 (1) Classify and define the offenses covered under human
- 4 trafficking;
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- 6 (2) Specify terms of imprisonment for crimes covered by
- 7 human trafficking;
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- 9 (3) Examine ways to make human trafficking laws consistent
- 10 with the existing Hawaii Penal Code; and
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- 12 (4) Develop training to educate local and state agencies
- 13 on how to identify human trafficking, methods for
- 14 protecting trafficking victims, and handling any
- 15 special needs of trafficking victims;
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- 17 (5) Collect and analyze data on human trafficking and
- 18 evaluate the State in the areas of trafficking
- 19 prevention, protection, assistance to victims, and
- 20 prosecution of traffickers; and
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- 22 (6) Draft proposed legislation concerning human
- 23 trafficking; and
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- 25 (7) Conduct any other business deemed necessary to carry
- 26 out the purpose of this Act; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall provide
29 the Legislature with a copy of its report, including proposed
30 legislation, at least twenty days prior to the convening of the
31 Regular Session of 2007; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of the
35 Attorney General, the Department of Human Services, the
36 Department of Health, the Department of Labor and Industrial
37 Relations, the Office of the Public Defender, each county's
38 prosecuting attorney's office, the commissioner of each county's
39 police department, the Director of the Hawaii State Commission
40 on the Status of Women, the Director of the Domestic Violence



1 Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, and the Director of Na Loio
2 Immigrant and Public Interest Legal Center.

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