



TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2772, H.D. 1, RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2008 **TIME:** 5:30 PM

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Chair Waters and Members of the Committee:

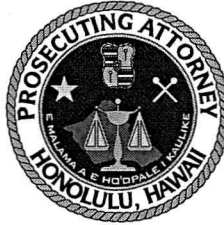
The Department of the Attorney General supports the intent of this measure to address the problem of human trafficking, so long as it does not adversely impact the priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

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**TWENTY-FOURTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008**

**HEARING: Thursday, February 7, 2008
5:30 P.M., Conference Room 325**

RE: HOUSE BILL 2772, H.D. 1, RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Good morning Chair Waters and members of the Judiciary Committee, the Department of Prosecuting Attorney provides the following testimony **in strong support of H.B. 2772 H.D. 1**, which proposes to extend the sunset date for the Hawaii Anti-Trafficking Task Force established by Act 260 of 2006, to amend the list of Task Force members, and provide an appropriation to underwrite the cost of activities carried out by the Task Force.

As a participant in the Act 260 Task Force we have diligently pursue the development of the necessary support services for victims' services to meet the diverse needs of the victims of human trafficking as well as participated in the development of a comprehensive consensus proposal for a criminal statute address the crime of human trafficking in Hawaii . We believe that this Task Force has the promoted a positive and productive effort by the diverse interests concerned about this issue in resolving the personal and social devastation created by this insidious offense. Our Department stands ready to continue its full and meaningful participation in the Task Force and supports the addition of the additional members, as proposed in this bill. The proposed new members will be able to assist in the critical task of crafting legislation that will address the extensive service needs of the victims of human trafficking. The extension of the sunset date for the Task Force to June 30, 2010 will also facilitate the accomplishment of this task. Similarly the appropriation incorporated into the H.B. 2772, H.D. 1 will permit the full participation of Neighbor Island members by underwriting their travel expenses.

In summary, we are in **strong support of H.B. 2772, H.D. 1**, and recommend your favorable consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Judiciary Committee
RE: HB2772 HD1, Relation to Human Trafficking
Hearing: Thursday, 2/7; 1:30 pm

FROM: Jaque Kelley-Uyeoka, ACSW
Deputy CEO-Outreach Services, Hale Kipa
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Position: In Favor of Passing Bill

Dear Chair Waters and Committee Members:

My name is Jaque Kelley-Uyeoka and I am the Deputy CEO-Outreach Services at Hale Kipa, Inc. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of this extending the sunset date for the Hawaii Anti-trafficking Task Force to 2010.

As a primary provider of services to youth in the State, we are very concerned about the youth who we have ended up in Hawaii (and often on the streets) due to being brought over to the islands for sexual exploitation. In addition, we have taken over the good work previously done by Sisters Offering Support and offer school and community presentations to youth to help prevent sexual exploitation.

We support the continuation of the Task Force's work as well as being willing to serve on the Task Force if appropriate.

Sincerely

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THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

Date: February 7, 2008

To: The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
The Honorable Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

From: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director
Sex Abuse Treatment Center
Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children

RE: Support for HB2772 HD1
Hawaii Anti-trafficking Task Force

Good afternoon Representatives Waters and Oshiro and members of the Committee on Judiciary. My name is Adriana Ramelli and I am the Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawaii Pacific Health.

The SATC supports HB2772 HD1 to extend the sunset date for the Hawaii Anti-trafficking Task Force to 2010 and appropriates funding for it. This Task Force plays a vitally important role in addressing human trafficking, a serious and escalating crime that tramples on human rights in Hawaii and throughout the world. Every year trafficking impacts thousands of people, many of them children, who are forced to engage in sex acts or labor under slave-like conditions. Hawaii must be proactive in addressing this heinous crime. The SATC has actively participated in the Task Force since its inception and we strongly urge you to support its critically important work.

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