
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE ON SOCIAL SCIENCES
PUBLIC POLICY CENTER AND SPARK M. MATSUNAGA INSTITUTE FOR
PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION TO COLLABORATE WITH STATE
AGENCIES AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP A
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT COORDINATES STATEWIDE POLICIES AND
SERVICES FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, human trafficking is one of the fastest growing
2 criminal industries in the world, where traffickers use force,
3 violence, fraud, or coercion to prey on victims through labor or
4 commercial sex; and

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6 WHEREAS, federal law defines "severe forms of human
7 trafficking in persons" as:

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9 (1) Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is
10 induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the
11 person induced to perform such act has not attained
12 eighteen years of age; or

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14 (2) The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision,
15 or obtaining of a person for labor or services,
16 through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the
17 purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude,
18 peonage, debt bondage, or slavery; and

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20 WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking may be adults or
21 children, United States citizens or foreign nationals, or male
22 or female; and

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24 WHEREAS, human trafficking can involve school-aged children
25 who are vulnerable to coerced labor exploitation, domestic
26 servitude, or commercial sexual exploitation; and
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1 WHEREAS, sex traffickers target children because of their
2 vulnerability and gullibility, as well as the market demand for
3 young victims; and

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5 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice Child
6 Exploitation and Obscenity Section reports that almost three
7 hundred thousand American children are at risk for trafficking
8 into the sex industry; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii received an "F" grade on a report card
11 issued by Shared Hope International and American Center for Law
12 and Justice because Hawaii has not enacted a human trafficking
13 law that includes the crime of sex trafficking; and

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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii received a four out of a possible ten score
16 on the Polaris Project's 2011 annual state ratings report
17 regarding the enactment and strength of laws to combat human
18 trafficking; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii
23 College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center (Public Policy
24 Center) and Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict
25 Resolution (Matsunaga Institute) are requested to collaborate
26 with appropriate governmental agencies and advocacy
27 organizations to develop a comprehensive plan that coordinates
28 statewide policies and services for victims and survivors of
29 human trafficking in Hawaii; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in collaborating with
32 governmental agencies and advocacy organizations, the Public
33 Policy Center and the Matsunaga Institute establish a working
34 group to:

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36 (1) Identify what protocols, procedures, and statutory
37 safeguards exist to protect minors who are victims or
38 potential victims of human trafficking;

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40 (2) Explore options and models of best practices for
41 providing services to minors who are victims of human
42 trafficking; and



1 (3) Identify effective strategies to control human
2 trafficking of minors; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Policy Center and
5 the Matsunaga Institute report to the Legislature no later than
6 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
7 2013 their comprehensive plan to coordinate statewide policies
8 and services for victims and survivors of human trafficking in
9 Hawaii, including recommendations for changes in practices and
10 procedures and any proposed legislation to better protect minors
11 who are victims or at-risk of becoming victims of human
12 trafficking; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human
16 Services, Director of the University of Hawaii College of Social
17 Sciences Public Policy Center, and Director of the Spark M.
18 Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution.
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