

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1995  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1995, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist victims of human trafficking by:

- (1) Requiring establishments to place posters providing specific information about human trafficking, including the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline, in a conspicuous place near the entrance or the place where posters are customarily displayed in the establishment;
- (2) Defining the term "establishment", which lists those entities required to display the posters with specified human trafficking information; and
- (3) Creating fines for those establishments that fail to display the required posters in accordance with this measure.

The Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery, Polaris Project, IMUAlliance, and two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Sex Abuse Treatment Center testified in support of the intent of this measure. Harm Reduction Hawaii testified in



opposition to this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing strip clubs from the definition of "establishment";
- (2) Reducing the amount of the fine for failure to display the posters from \$10,000 to \$100; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1995, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1995, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,

  
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GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



