

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2179

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2278
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2278 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require various establishments to post in a conspicuous place a National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline poster to protect victims from their trafficking situation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from IMUAlliance; the Polaris Project; the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery; and three private individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by one private individual. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world, consisting of the subjugation, recruitment, harboring, or transportation of people for the purpose of forced labor or services, or commercial sexual exploitation. The Human Trafficking Resource Center provides a twenty-four hour daily hotline to assist and protect victims in servitude. This measure provides a tool for victims to escape their trafficking situation and for members of the public to report trafficking situations and prevent further incidences of trafficking.

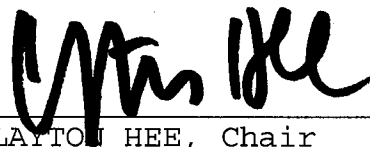


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding massage parlors to the definition of "establishment" thereby requiring massage parlors to post the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline;
- (2) Decreasing the fine for violations from \$10,000 to \$1,000;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to ensure further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2278, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2278, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



