



SB 2256

Measure Title: RELATING TO JUVENILE PROSTITUTION.

Report Title: Juvenile Prostitution Court Pilot Project; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Authorizes the establishment of a juvenile prostitution court pilot program. Appropriates funds. Repeals July 1, 2017.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS/JDL, WAM

Introducer(s): HEE



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services

The Hon. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

The Hon. Josh Green, Vice Chair

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

The Hon. Clayton Hee, Chair

The Hon. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Monday, February 10, 2014

10:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

By

R. Mark Browning

Deputy Chief Judge, Senior Family Judge

Family Court of the First Circuit

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 2256, Relating to Juvenile Prostitution.

Purpose: Authorizes the establishment of a juvenile prostitution court pilot program.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 2256 that will create a specialty court as a pilot program to aid victimized and exploited juvenile prostitutes. Often, adult prostitutes, both female and male, come from a troubled past, originating from their youth. As adults, they remain victimized and trapped by the sub-culture of the street, by those who are controlling their activities, and lack of other skills and economic resources.

This bill seeks to provide care and aid at much earlier critical point when teenaged females and males first become trapped in this sub-culture. Youth who are runaways or who are pushed out often end up on the streets, vulnerable to exploitation by malevolent adults. Many teens in this situation will see these adults as friends, saviors, mentors, and lovers. The teens are relieved to have someone "take care" of them and some are frankly dazzled by the attention (that



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is often mistaken for love and affection), gifts, and money. Very quickly, these arrangements sour but often only after the trap has sprung.

The Judiciary welcomes the possibility of providing particular expertise in a court and a service provision program to better meet the needs of these teens. The Judiciary respectfully requests that any appropriation be in addition to the original Judiciary budget request contained in House Bill No. 1638 / Senate Bill No. 2084, and that this additional appropriation does not come with a corresponding reduction to any items already included in our base budget request.

Additionally, we wish to note some potential amendments to this bill.

1. We note that there should be a correction on page one, from line 11. It is more appropriate to state that the Chief Justice will select the assigned judge for this court.
2. Juveniles are referred to as “offenders” throughout this bill. It may be clearer to insert the word “juveniles” for “offenders.” “Offender” is a term more appropriately applied to adults. Also, its use in this bill may be confusing since the juvenile population for this specialty court will be, in part, drawn from adult criminal cases.
3. We suggest deleting the word “licensed” when describing social workers in this bill since state employed social workers need not be licensed pursuant to statute.

In sum, we would be pleased to work with the Legislature in developing this program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



February 7, 2014

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DATE: Monday, February 10, 2014

TIME: 10:00 am

PLACE: Conference Room 016, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**RE: In Strong Support of SB2256
RELATING TO JUVENILE PROSTITUTION**

Aloha, Committee on Human Services and Committee on Judiciary:

The Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (PASS) is in strong support of SB2256. Unfortunately, there currently is no protocol for legal detainment and assessment for child victims of sex-trafficking and they are often misidentified as other types of juvenile offenders.

When a victim encounters a first responder, mandatory rehabilitation is critical until the victim is ready to transfer to a long-term residential facility, or when possible, back to the child's home. The state cannot simply release these children without ascertaining a system of care after release. Without such option, the child will recede back into a life of forced prostitution and repeat offending. We have experienced several cases where young victims are released by court, without supervision or services, and end up revictimized into forced prostitution. Furthermore, most times these children are often in a state of considerable danger if involved in an active child trafficking investigation, as they are key witnesses in such cases.

Hawaii must establish a Juvenile Prostitution Court to engage the proper network of services and probation measures to ensure the safety of the child and the facilitation of justice in the investigation of child prostitution cases. Such a court would significantly decrease rates of recidivism and revictimization among these youth, who regularly cycle through the juvenile justice system if they are misidentified as other types of offenders.

In both 2012 and 2013, Shared Hope International ranked Hawaii among the worst states to address child sex trafficking through laws, while we rank among the best states in addressing adult human trafficking overall¹.

Overview of Child Trafficking in Hawaii

Hawaii has a growing problem in the commercial sexual exploitation of children, also known as “child sex-trafficking.” The average age of recruitment into child prostitution is 13-years old (6th – 7th grade).

Additionally, Hawaii sees approximately 300 reported runaways per month. Of this number, the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (PASS) believes that 1/3 of those children reported are at high-risk for human-trafficking. “High-Risk Victims” (HRV) are described as repeat runaways with a history as a victim of sexual abuse. If the HRVs become victims of sex-trafficking, they commonly suffer acute trauma, PTSD, and repeated physical, psychological, and sexual abuse by the time they reach adulthood. Girls trafficked for sex are exposed to a myriad of health risks and problems which can be successfully addressed to prevent recidivism if youth are identified and given the proper care.

Criteria for a Victim of Child-Prostitution

The Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (PASS), recognizes certain criteria in identifying youth at “high risk” for human trafficking. These criteria make it easier for service providers to identify children accurately to be able to intervene and potentially prevent victimization or recidivism among this at-risk population.

- Abusive/dysfunctional home
- Drug use/addiction
- History of prior sexual assault
- Knowledge of terms used in Prostitution e.g. "game, track, out-of-pocket" etc.
- Labeled a “bad child”
- Relationship with older man

¹ Yamada, L. (2012) *Beaten, raped, prostituted victims speak out against sex trafficking Hawaii laws earn failing grade*. KITV. Retrieved on February 7, 2014, from: <http://www.wmtw.com/news/hawaii/Beaten-raped-prostituted-victims-speak-out-against-sex-trafficking/17773550>

- Repeat Runaway (3 or more times in a 12 month period)
- Suicidal ideations
- Truancy
- Violent outbursts
- PTSD

Child Victim of Sex-Trafficking Profile*

Abuse

- Sexual Abuse 93%
- Physical Abuse 96%
- Abandonment 87%

Drug Abuse

- Youth Uses 79%
- Family Usage 86%

Family Risk Factors

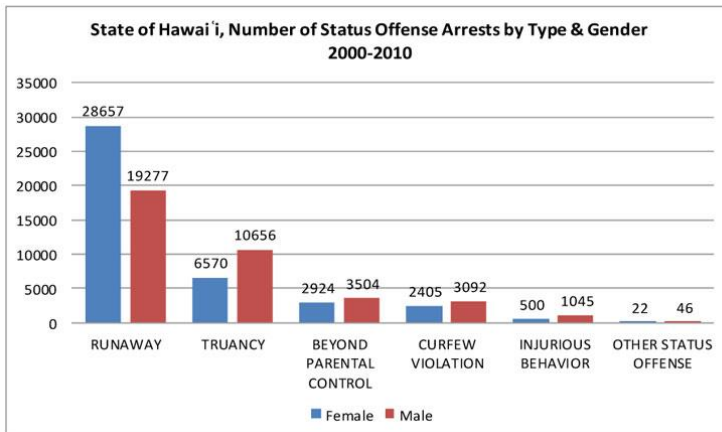
- Physical Abuse by Parent 82%
- Sexual Abuse by Parent 74%

Mental Health

- Suicidal Ideations 89%

*Statistics from The Female Juvenile Offender in Hawaii: Understanding Gender Differences in Arrests, Adjudications, and Social Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders, Research and Statistics Branch Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division Department of the Attorney General, May 2006

In Hawaii, 30.1% of all juvenile arrests were for runaway offenses, which is significantly higher than the national average. 59.8% of these arrests are attributed to females, 43.8% of these were Native Hawaiian. All but two of the child trafficked victims that PASS has served over the past 5 years have been Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander with multiple runaways on their records.

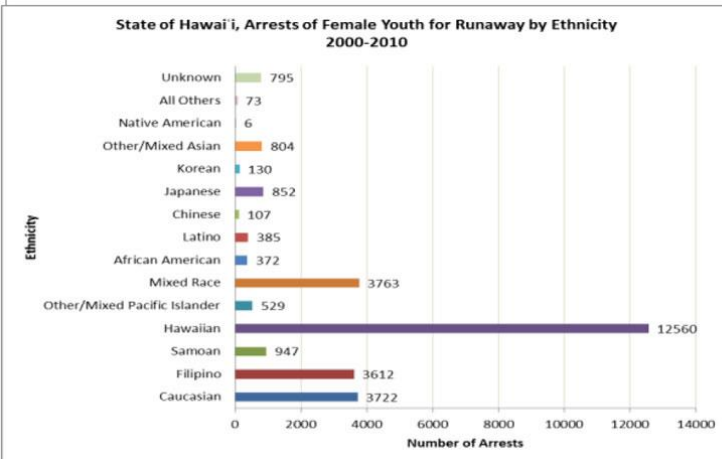


A Closer Look at Runaways (2000-2010):

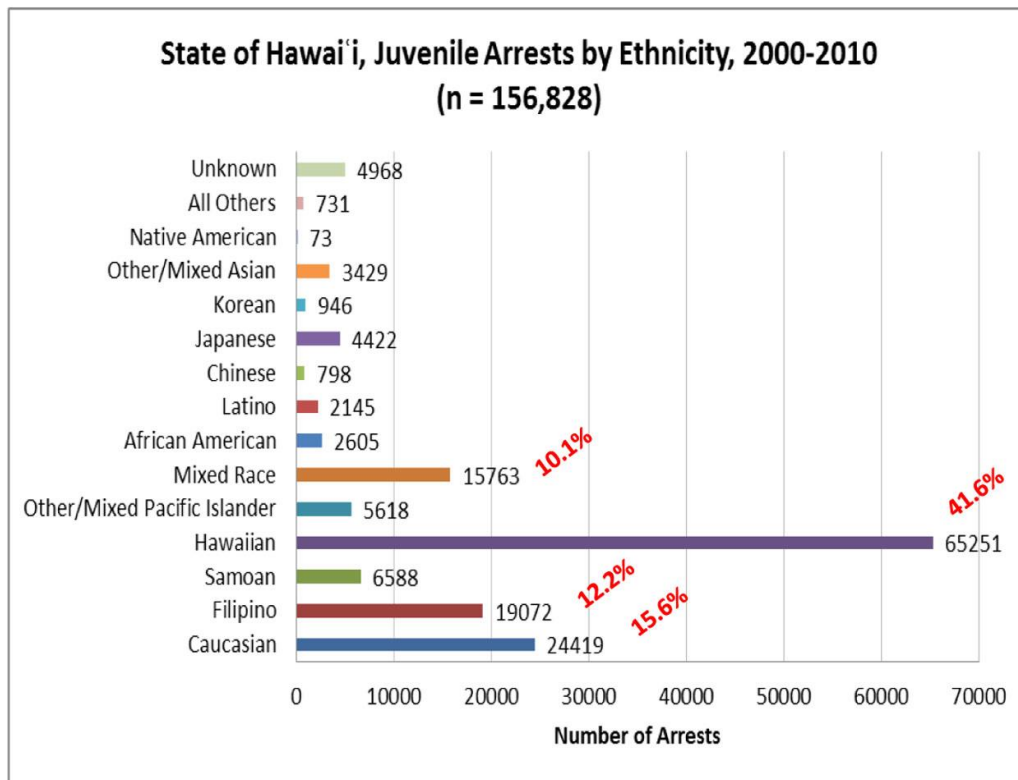
* 30.1% of all juvenile arrests in Hawai'i were for runaway (47,934 arrests)

* 59.8% of arrests for runaway were female (28,657 arrests)

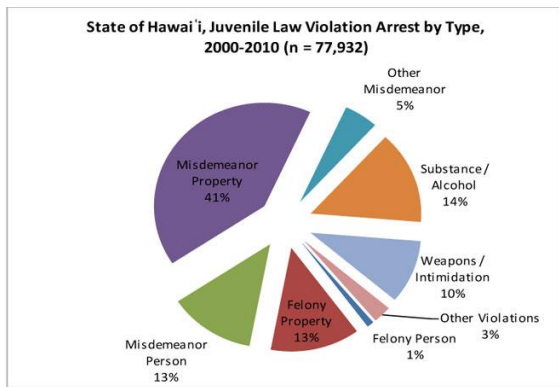
* 43.8% of the female arrests for runaway were Native Hawaiian (12,560 arrests, or 8% of total arrests)



Source: State of Hawaii, Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS), 2011.



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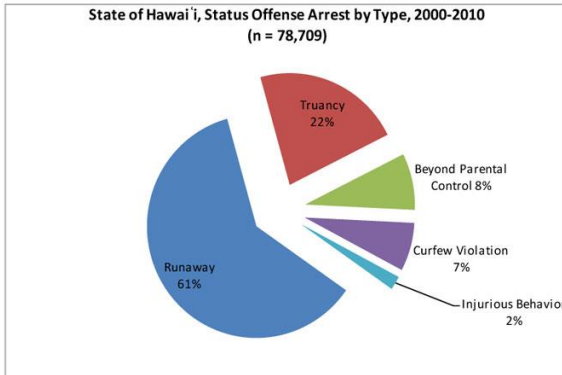


Offense Types:

50-50 split between Law Violations & Status Offenses

Juvenile Law Violations

1. Misdemeanor Property
2. Substance
3. Misdemeanor Person / Felony Property



Status Offenses

1. Runaway
2. Truancy
3. Beyond Parental Control

PASS respectfully urges your committees to pass SB2256. We are confident that this pilot program will produce successful results and improve the lives and safety of child victims of sex trafficking. Courts like this will stop revictimization and a overburdening of services in other related areas if we are enabled to intercede and appropriately address the hurt these children suffer early, before adulthood.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Xian
Executive Director



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TESTIMONY FOR SENATE BILL 2256, RELATING TO JUVENILE PROSTITUTION

Senate Committee on Human Services
Hon. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hon. Clayton Hee, Chair
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Monday, February 10, 2014, 10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Hee, and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing the IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 175 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in support of, with proposed amendments for Senate Bill 2256, relating to juvenile prostitution.

Over the past three years, Hawaii has gradually moved from criminalizing minors engaged in prostitution to viewing them as sex-trafficking victims. Yet, too often, victims are re-traumatized by the criminal justice system, branded as juvenile offenders, and treated as though their crimes were self-motivated. When minors are found engaging in prostitution, this is typically not the case. Instead, such children are nearly always being “pimped out,” forced to provide sexual services to 10-15 customers each night, while keeping none the money earned. Pimps often also force their victims to perform additional crimes, such as theft or drug dealing, to support the pimps' addictions to both narcotics and money.

This bill would establish a “juvenile prostitution court” pilot program within the First Circuit's Family Court system, which would have jurisdiction over any act of prostitution committed by a minor, as well as any non-violent offense committed by a minor victim of promoting prostitution. Working with experienced case managers and resource coordinators, the court would have the authority to require “offenders” to seek rehabilitative, educational, vocational, medical, or psychological services, ensuring that they have every opportunity to overcome crimes committed against their person and lead successful adult lives. Put simply, this

court would advance the state's interest in properly identifying sex-trafficking victims and treating them as survivors, not hardened criminals.

That said, we encourage the committee to clarify that the court shall only have jurisdiction over acts of prostitution pursuant to §712-1200 committed by minors or nonviolent crimes committed by minor victims of promoting prostitution that were committed during the period of victimization. Accordingly, we urge you to amend page 1, lines 7 to 10 to read: “(2) Any non-violent offense committed by a person under the age of eighteen who is found to be a victim of promoting prostitution in the first degree, pursuant to 712-1202(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, **provided that the offense occurred during the period of victimization.**” We also urge the committee to allow the court's support services to be determined by available resources by amending page 2, lines 6 to 9 to read: “(d) The activities of the juvenile prostitution court **may** be supported by case-management, auxiliary and support services, treatment, and intensive supervision mechanisms, including...”. Additionally, we note that the bill calls for an on-site “victim advocate” to serve as a primary contact for victims, which may be inappropriate given that the court's intended purpose is to treat *offenders* as victims. Given that the pilot program only involves offenses committed by children, we encourage you to revise page 3, lines 1 to 11 to read: (2) An on-site **child** advocate who shall be a licensed social worker in the State and whose duties may include:

- (A) Serving as a primary contact to **offenders** throughout the court proceedings;
- (B) Coordinating social services for **offenders** with established service organizations that will assist with housing, counseling, and the creating of safety plans ~~for victims~~; and
- (C) Providing **offenders** with information about court proceedings.

To ensure that non-profit victim services organizations are included in the bill, we urge you to add an additional subsection to Section 1 of the bill, stating: **“The court may contract with any victim services organization fo the purposes of implementing this section.”**

Finally, while this bill calls for the the court to be administered by a dedicated judge, social worker V, social worker IV, and circuit court clerk II, we believe that the pilot program can proceed without the addition of any or all of these positions. According to family court officials, the cost for a new family court judge and accompanying staff alone is as follows:

District Family Court Judge: \$175,032

Circuit Court Clerk: \$41,040

Circuit Court Clerk: \$41,040

Bailiff: \$33,756

TOTAL: \$290,868

We recognize that these costs may not fit within current budgetary constraints. We feel, however, that the number of prospective cases is limited enough to be managed by current officials meeting once or twice each week, thus minimizing the cost to the state and eliminating the need for a substantial appropriation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Legislative Director

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Submitted on: 2/6/2014

Testimony for HMS/JDL on Feb 10, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaleo Schneider	Courage Worldwide Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments: I fully support this Juvenile Prostitution Court. I believe this is a necessary step in addressing the individual cases as it pertains to these victims of sex trafficking.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Dentel	Courage House Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 2256. Diminishing the injustice of human trafficking and specifically sexual servitude will be greatly served if we establish a juvenile prostitution court pilot program. In my opinion, this is a simple step in identifying juveniles that are in danger rather than potentially abused by the system. Using this pilot program we can help these children receive necessary services to potentially become supportive, contributive and successful members of society.

February 8, 2014

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415 South Beretania Street

RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2256
RELATING TO JUVENILE PROSTITUTION

Dear Committee on Human Services & Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I am a Masters of Social Work candidate at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and a social work intern at the Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua. Together with the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery and my MSW cohort, I strongly urge your support of Senate Bill 2256.

It is no mystery that commercial sexual exploitation in the form of human trafficking is alive and well in the state of Hawaii. Experts working in the field of sex trafficking agree that the voluntary, independent working of children as prostitutes is a common and ignorant misconception. The truth is, minors are easy targets for pimps. More vulnerable to manipulation than adults, minors offer a greater profit on return with less resistance. For offenders whose main business is prostitution, exploiting minors to do the job is simple math.

Sadly, the complexity of the issue of “child prostitution” often leads to the criminalization of minors and revictimization. Even in the rare situation that a child is rescued, there is extremely limited access to rehabilitative, trauma informed care. When compared with the rest of the nation, Hawaii is ranked among the top five worst states for protecting child victims of sex trafficking (Shared Hope International, 2013).

By passing Senate Bill 2256, we are taking action to change this ranking. Initiating a pilot study of a juvenile prostitution court will provide victims with the immediate connection to rehabilitative services, an essential component in preventing revictimization. Additionally, passing SB2256 will generate desperately needed research on the issue of minor sex trafficking in Hawaii. The results from this study (and the law enforcement statistics surrounding it) will ultimately help secure future funding for victim services. Where there is little research, there is little funding – a truth I am learning far too much about as I assist writing grants for a local anti-human trafficking organization.

Finally, Senate Bill 2256 addresses not just the rehabilitative needs of the victims but the offenders who drive the trade. If Senate Bill 2256 is passed, the juvenile prostitution court has the power to mandate, implement and monitor the compliance of an offender in receiving treatment. As a social work intern in Offender Services at Women’s Community Correctional Center in Kailua, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of programming for offenders. Our efforts to treat offenders and victims alike, is what ultimately will break the cycle of violence in our community. Waiting until the offender is incarcerated, placed on probation, or worse – reoffends, does *not* have to be our only response. Let’s treat them before we have no other choice.

By promoting SB2256, we are expressing our commitment and responsibility to protect Hawaii’s keiki, treat offenders, and end this cycle of sexual violence in our community.

I urge your support of SB2256.

Thank you for this consideration.

Respectfully,

Sarah Marie Schick
MSW Candidate, 2014
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
University of Hawai’i at Manoa

February 7, 2014

My name is Jenny Sung and I support SB 2256 to establish a juvenile prostitution court pilot program.

I am a volunteer with Courage House Hawaii, a home for children abused from sex trafficking and abuse. In Hawaii, there is a significant lack of services providing short and long-term shelter for children. Currently there are no programs or facilities specifically for domestic child-victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation. The only walk-in service for youth in the popular sex-trafficking district of Waikiki is open just three days a week and closes at nightfall.

Hawaii's lack of resources forces vulnerable youth back out onto the streets. Instead of being helped, they are being prosecuted, thrown in juvenile detention and vilified. The pimps and johns (male customers) run free, the sex businesses flourish and children are abused and put behind bars or left out on the streets.

The discrepancy in the number of children reported as runaways and the actual number of children missing is often due to non-reporting. Approximately 300 to 400 children are reported missing every month in Hawaii. Children on the street, lacking basic human necessities, are most vulnerable and susceptible to sex traffickers. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) estimates that at least 100,000 children are caught up in the insidious world of child prostitution each year in the United States—again, a conservative estimate.⁽¹⁾ According to International Crisis Aid statistics, between 100,000 and 300,000 children—primarily girls—are victims of the sex trade in the United States.

In the midst of these overwhelming statistics, there is hope. The answer is Courage House Hawaii—Hale O' Mana'o i'o. In 2011, after much effort, Hawaii put state trafficking laws into place. The law provides more protection for the children exploited by sex traffickers. There is now more focus on prosecuting the perpetrators instead of criminalizing the victims. The new laws make it easier for the police and Hawaii's justice system to send child victims to places like Courage House instead of juvenile detention centers.

Courage House Hawai'i—Hale O' Mana'o i'o—is not just a house. It will be a home for these children. We at Courage Worldwide are building homes so rescued children have a safe place to call home—a Pu'u honua (a safe place)—where they can begin to heal from their physical, spiritual and emotional abuse. At Courage House Hawaii, a team of caring professionals will customize a trauma treatment program specific to their individual needs and long-term growth. These children need a home environment where they can heal, and where they will be surrounded by staff that loves and believes in them. Courage House Hawaii can provide this for Hawaii's children. Thank you for hearing this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice guggino	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support SB 2256 to establish a juvenile prostitution court pilot program

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Abigail Cutter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Alexandra Farah	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara S. Yeackel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please consider this prostitution court as a much needed step in the protection of our youth in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brennan Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! My name is Brennan Takayama, and I am writing in support of SB 2256 to establish a juvenile prostitution court pilot program. Establishing such a program could help to protect children who have been victims and survivors of human trafficking. Due to the complexities of the human trafficking industry, it could be beneficial to have a judge and social workers who understand its dynamics so that minors can receive the help and support that they need. As a campus minister and a person of Christian faith, I want our judicial system to work to empower and protect our keiki. Mahalo nui for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at 808-987-3377 or by email at btakayama@gmail.com. Me ke aloha, Brennan Takayama 2330 Ainaola Dr Hilo, HI 96720

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlene Vasquez	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this bill

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Chula Harrison	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Devin Washington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Diana Bossa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 2256

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Elden K Kaeo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 2256 to establish a juvenile prostitution court pilot program"

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emilie Harrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Over the past decade there has been thousands of teens who have been arrested for prostitution. Currently the average age for prostitution is between the ages of 13 and 15 years old. Therefore there are many teens that arrested for prostitution. Cognitively speaking teenagers are not capable of making decisions that could influence their lives in such a drastic manner. In addition over 90 percent of these children are forced into prostitution. Is it right that we charge the children with prostitution I say not. Especially not as adults when they more then likely entered prostitution as children. It would be morally and ethically wrong to do so.

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Erika Cabell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Geneva Graef	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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James Vigorito	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 2256.

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Joanna Wright	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this measure so that young people who may have been coerced into prostitution can be treated appropriately and provided the help they need.

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Joannie Pan	Individual	Support	No

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Jonathan Daubenspeck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kelley Lum Oshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kirsten kerbox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii needs a special court to help victims of sex trafficking/ prostitution.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Krystle Ito	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
leslie drechsler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 2256 to establish a juvenile prostitution court pilot program because it would be specific to our underage sex trafficking victims, and allow for a much needed network of services and safety for healing.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maeve Nicholson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of any measure to create a prostitution court for these young victims. This is a much needed thing to have in Hawaii where so many of our youth are being victimized.

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Maureen King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB2256 regarding prostitution and minors

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Korman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to support SB2256 which authorizes the establishment of a juvenile prostitution court pilot program In Hawaii. This critical initiative can help address the highly unique needs of sex trafficking victims, particularly minors. Most of the public does not realize that the young girls involved in prostitution are doing so against their will. Vulnerable girls from broken homes and difficult situations are lured and recruited by pimps who want to sexually exploit them for personanl gain. These girls involved in juvenile prostitution are victims and not criminals. They need a special court that can handle their particular legal, social, physical, and mental needs, as well as the safety and security to prevent retaliation from their violent vengeful pimps. I enthusiastically support SB2256 and urge you to pass it when it comes to a vote. Thank you very much for your support and consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nadia Busekrus	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote in support of this bill!

I am in strong support of this measure, as it will help to deal more justly with the problem of prostitution in Hawaii. Many of the young women who are prosecuted for prostitution are not actually committing the crime of their own accord. Hawaii suffers from a severe epidemic of sex trafficking because of which many young women are forced or coerced into prostitution. These women need to be evaluated based on the knowledge of these circumstances. What they need is counseling, not incarceration. The establishment of a juvenile prostitution court that can better address these circumstances will be incredibly beneficial for Hawaii.

SB2256

Submitted on: 2/7/2014

Testimony for HMS/JDL on Feb 10, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noel Gibeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/8/2014

Testimony for HMS/JDL on Feb 10, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rex Huetter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support a prostitution court in the state of Hawaii for youth. This is a good idea.

SB2256

Submitted on: 2/5/2014

Testimony for HMS/JDL on Feb 10, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tadia Rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support establishing a Juvenile Court for Victims of Sex Trafficking. This Bill will allow more services and safety while victims are healing.

SB2256

Submitted on: 2/8/2014

Testimony for HMS/JDL on Feb 10, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tahiti Huetter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please create this court for victims of human trafficking. This will go a long way to support our youth in Hawaii. Aloha

SB2256

Submitted on: 2/7/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamara Bitanga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB 2256

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tony kawaguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 2256 to establish a juvenile prostitution court pilot program. Adults involved with prostitution of children should be punished severely and children who are victims should be treated with special care.

SB2256

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ursula Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 2256 to establish a juvenile prostitution court pilot program.

SB2256

Submitted on: 2/8/2014

Testimony for HMS/JDL on Feb 10, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zoe Brunn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A special court is direly needed to protect the rights of these children and to direct them to proper care.

SB2256

Submitted on: 2/9/2014

Testimony for HMS/JDL on Feb 10, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brittany	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 2256 to establish a juvenile prostitution court pilot program. As Reuters reported, 16 juveniles were rescued from prostitution during the super bowl. I believe SB 2256 will help rescue our keiki from situations they are in against their will.

SB2256

Submitted on: 2/6/2014

Testimony for HMS/JDL on Feb 10, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
taylor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: