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Written Testimony

HB1071

RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, AND DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS.

Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau
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Presented to the House Committee on Judiciary

Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 325

Chair Karl Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the proposed statutory revision bill. House Bill No. 1071 is submitted pursuant to chapter 23G of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. We are in support of this measure.

All amendments proposed are of a technical nature and correct errors, omissions or obsolete law. As is the case each year, the revision bill was reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General. A copy of a memorandum explaining why each amendment was proposed was previously submitted to the Chair.

We would request one amendment to the measure. The Department of the Attorney General has proposed that the amendment to section 712-1209.6(1), HRS, in section 29 of the measure be changed to clarify the cross-reference from title 22 United States Code section "7102(13)" to "7102(9)". We have reviewed the proposed change and are in agreement with the Department of the Attorney General that a more precise reference would be to title 22 United States Code section 7102(9)(A), not section 7102(14). Although section 7102(13), as cited in the present section 712-1209.6, HRS, was renumbered to 7102(14), as indicated in our revision bill memorandum, we note that section 7102(9) defines "Severe forms of trafficking in persons" and is more on point with the contents of section 712-1209.6, HRS. The amendment to section 712-1209.6(1)(b) would read:

"(b) A severe form of trafficking in persons as defined in title 22 United States Code section [~~7102(13).~~] 7102(9)(A)."

The Bureau would be pleased to assist the Committee in preparing the committee report and any changes to the revision bill that the Committee deems appropriate. Should the Committee have any questions, please contact Velma S. Kaneshige by phone at ext. 70670 or by email at kaneshige@hawaii.capitol.gov.