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February 4, 2015

TO: The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: H.B. 1351 Relating to a Sex Trafficking Special Treatment Facility
Hearing: Thursday, February 5, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to allow the Department of Human Services to contract with a service provider to operate and manage a sex trafficking special treatment facility. The bill also provides for procurement, tax and fee exemptions, and makes an appropriation.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill and provides following comments:

- The measure proposes services that require subject matter expertise in an area that the Department currently does not possess, though the DHS is in review of national best practices and working with stakeholders to develop a level of expertise.
- The proposed measure may replace or adversely impact the Department's current program priorities and mandates.
- The proposed appropriation to the DHS may adversely impact the budget priorities set forth in the Governor's Biennium Budget.

The DHS defers to the Department of Health regarding therapeutic, licensing and Medicaid compliance requirements that a treatment facility will need; and defers to the Family Court of the First Circuit as it leads a work group focusing on the development and implementation of a protocol to address the issues involved with the child sexual exploitation in the First Circuit of Honolulu.

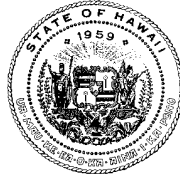
The DHS agrees there is a need for additional services given the vulnerability of foster youth to sexual exploitation. The DHS, along with the Department of Health and the Family Court of the First Circuit, are currently engaged in discussion regarding the development of protocols, identifying workforce and community training needs, and identifying an appropriate array of services to address the required continuum of care. Additionally, the DHS is aware that there are at least three different working groups addressing the issues of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation, as well as proposed federal legislation on the issues. Importantly, the DHS Child Welfare Services Branch is developing its own intake and assessment protocol required per federal law to be implemented by November 2015.

The DHS offers additional comments:

- The treatment facility should have qualified health care professionals on staff to provide therapeutic services.
- To optimize outcomes, the provider should assure continuity of care from residential to outpatient services.
- Any health and human services funded by public dollars should be procured in an open manner by following standard procurement rules and processes. This ensures that the selection of the provider follows procurement rules and procedures and is done in a fair and transparent manner.
- All health and human services funded by public dollars should follow appropriate federal, state, and county laws, including tax laws.

- A provider will need to establish the medical necessity of the services provided in order to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement. Additionally, the provider must have a comprehensive quality assurance program in order to meet Med-QUEST health care standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB 1351
RELATING TO A SEX TRAFFICKING SPECIAL TREATMENT FACILITY**

REPRESENTATIVE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: February 5, 2015 Room Number: 329

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates funds for a sex trafficking special treatment facility.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division,
3 supports the intent of this bill, and offers comments.
- 4 1. The Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division respectfully suggests that the services be
5 provided in a therapeutic setting by a qualified health care provider. To optimize outcomes for
6 the minors, the provider should assure quality of care and continuity of care from residential to
7 outpatient services.
- 8 2. The Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division respectfully suggests that the program seek
9 Medicaid reimbursement for long-term sustainability. In order to meet MedQuest health care
10 standards, the provider must have a comprehensive quality assurance program in place. The
11 provider may need to establish “medical necessity” for the provision of services in order to
12 qualify for Medicaid reimbursement.
- 13 3. Any health and human services funded by public dollars should be procured in an open manner
14 by following standard procurement rules and processes.
- 15 4. All health and human services funded by public dollars should follow appropriate federal, state,
16 and county laws.
- 17 We thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.
- 18 **Offered Amendments:** N/A



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TO: The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair
Committee on Human Services

FROM: David Hipp, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: **HB 1351 – Relating to a Sex Trafficking Special Treatment Facility**

Hearing: Thursday, February 5, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

PURPOSE: The purpose of HB 1351 is to allow the Department of Human Services to contract with a service provider to operate and manage a sex trafficking special treatment facility. The bill also provides for procurement, tax and fee exemptions, and makes an appropriation.

OFFICE'S POSITION: The OYS agrees with the overall intent of HB 1351 – Relating to a Sex Trafficking Special Treatment Facility as there is a need for additional services given the vulnerability of juvenile justice youth to sexual exploitation. The OYS offers the following comments related to this bill:

- It is requested that any appropriation not affect the priorities in the Executive Biennium Budget.
- The gender of the minor victims to be served under this proposal should be identified.
- A qualified health care provider should be responsible for the provision of services in a therapeutic setting.
- A provider will need to establish the medical necessity of the services provided in order to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement. Additionally, the provider must have a comprehensive quality assurance program in order to meet MedQUEST health care standards.

- Services must be procured in an open and transparent manner consistent with standard procurement rules and processes.
- Services funded by public dollars should follow appropriate federal, state, and county laws, including any applicable tax laws.
- Given the therapeutic services to be provided, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health must partner in this endeavor. Additionally, based on its expertise, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health should take the lead in the development of an appropriate scope of services.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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TESTIMONY
OF
SARAH ALLEN, ADMINISTRATOR
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
HUMAN SERVICES
FEBRUARY 5, 2015, 8:30 A.M.

HB 1351
RELATING TO A SEX TRAFFICKING SPECIAL TREATMENT FACILITY

Chair Morikawa, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 1351. The SPO supports the intent of this bill, but opposes the exemption language on page 1, SECTION 1, lines 8 and 9 set forth below.

“The selection of a victim service provider shall not be subject to chapters 42F, 102, 103D, or 103F.”

The Hawaii Public Procurement Code (code) is the single source of public procurement policy to be applied equally and uniformly, while providing fairness, open competition, a level playing field, government disclosure and transparency in the procurement and contracting process vital to good government.

Public procurement's primary objective is to provide everyone equal opportunity to compete for government contracts, to prevent favoritism, collusion, or fraud in awarding of contracts. To legislate that any one entity should be exempt from compliance with both HRS chapter 103D and 103F conveys a sense of disproportionate equality in the law's application.

Exemptions to the code mean that all procurements made with taxpayer monies for this Facility, will not have the same oversight, accountability and transparency requirements mandated by those procurements processes provided in the code. It means that there is no requirement for due diligence, proper planning or consideration of protections for the state in contract terms and conditions, nor are there any set requirements to conduct cost and price analysis and market research or post-award contract management. As such, the Agency can choose whether to compete any procurement or go directly to one contractor. As result,

leveraging economies of scale and cost savings efficiencies found in the consistent application of the procurement code are lost. It also means the Agency is not required to adhere to the code's procurement integrity laws.

The National Association of State Procurement Officials state: "Businesses suffer when there is inconsistency in procurement laws and regulations. Complex, arcane procurement rules of numerous jurisdictions discourage competition by raising the costs to businesses to understand and comply with these different rules. Higher costs are recovered through the prices offered by a smaller pool of competitors, resulting in unnecessarily inflated costs to state and local governments."

When public bodies, are removed from the state's procurement code it results in the harm described above. As these entities create their own procurement rules, businesses are forced to track their various practices. Moreover, a public body often can no longer achieve the benefits of aggregation by using another public body's contract because different state laws and regulations may apply to the various public bodies making compliance more difficult.

Each year new procurement laws are applied to state agencies causing state agency contracts to become more complex and costly, while other public bodies, such as agencies with strong legislative influence, are exempted. Relieving some public bodies from some laws by exempting or excluding them from compliance with a common set of legal requirements creates an imbalance wherein the competitive environment becomes different among the various jurisdictions and the entire procurement process becomes less efficient and more costly for the state and vendors.

Thank you.

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HB1351

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Testimony for HUS on Feb 5, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas A Sensley	Cross Sector Solutions LLC	Support	No

Comments: It has been my pleasure to serve independently in the State of Hawaii in support of the development and execution of a comprehensive strategy to counter and overcome human trafficking in Hawaii. I am a retired Chief of Police and a leading strategist in the United States and globally in the efforts to stop the atrocity known as human trafficking. I have given expert testimony before the U.S. Congress on this matter and I have facilitated strategic efforts in numerous US states. I currently consult and facilitate the Hawaii Coalition Against Human Trafficking. In response to Hawaii's HB 1351, I am encouraging support on the passage of this Act. Among the most urgent needs in the response to the exploitation and victimization inherent to human trafficking is the capacity to deliver comprehensive and long-term care to victims. A system of care that is health centric, trauma informed, and victim centered is mandatory for victims to transition to being healthy renewed survivors. This is especially true for youth who are naturally highly vulnerable and highly susceptible to exploitation and traumatic manipulation. Aggressive new efforts are underway in Hawaii to properly identify, classify, and move the victims of the trafficking atrocity through appropriate systems of care. Members of all of the collaborative response agencies and organizations agree that a comprehensive care residence is especially needed for youth to avoid further victimization, recidivism, and most importantly to help in their long-term care and life renewal. I respectfully encourage you to pass HB 1351.

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ONLINE TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

House HUS Committee Hearing on February 5, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m..
Conference Room #329

DATE: February 2, 2015

TO: House Committee on Human Services
Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair
Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

FROM: Eva Andrade., Executive Director

RE: Support for HB 1351, Relating to Sex Trafficking Special Treatment Facility

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure. Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii, representing a network of various Christian Churches and denominations. We support this bill that would allow DHS to contract with a service provider to operate and manage a sex trafficking special treatment facility.

The U.S. State Department estimates that thousands of human beings, many of them children, are trafficked each year into the United States to work in the sex trade or as slave labor. Women and children have been forced to work in prostitution and child pornography rings, and even coerced into different types of manual labor, without pay or protection. As an organization that cares deeply about the family, especially the children, we find this both reprehensible and unacceptable.

In Hawaii, many child victims of human trafficking commonly seek to escape their personal struggles with the hope of finding opportunity and a brighter future. It is in these types of environments that human traffickers flourish, promising these precious keiki an opportunity to travel, at no immediate expense, for employment and housing. What they find instead, is coercion, abuse, entrapment, and sexual exploitation in a brothel, a massage parlor, or an agricultural outpost. By the time they are rescued, if ever, they are shattered by physical, mental, and psychological abuse. Many become ill and some have even lost their life.

Across the nation, only a limited number of shelters and services are available and not many of them have the capacity to provide the appropriate treatment. According to a recent study, however, there has been a recent trend around the country to open residential facilities designed to better serve this populationⁱ. We hope that Hawai'i will join the effort to create safe places for victims of human trafficking. Places where they can be treated and find healing!

As a faith-based organization who fought to protect children from sexual exploitation (our organization was instrumental in the raising of the age of consent in Hawaii from 14 to 16), we support this measure. We cannot, however, stop there. Protection of our keiki from sexual exploitation must be a top priority for Hawaii and providing support and needed services to victims is crucial!

Mahalo for the opportunity to support this measure.

ⁱ NATIONAL SURVEY OF RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING (October 13, 2015) | www.icjia.state.il.us/public/pdf/ResearchReports/NSRHVST_101813.pdf

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The Public Policy Voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii

HEARING: House Committee on HUS hearing on February 5, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m. room #329

SUBMITTED: February 2, 2015

TO: House Committee on Human Services
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

FROM: Walter Yoshimitsu, Executive Director

RE: Support for HB 1351, Relating to a Sex Trafficking Special Treatment Center

Honorable Chairs and members of the House Committee on Human Services, I am Walter Yoshimitsu, **representing the Hawaii Catholic Conference**. The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, which under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents Roman Catholics in the State of Hawaii.

The Catholic Church has placed the elimination of trafficking as an important priority in the areas of public advocacy, public education, and services with respect to the victims. We are working to raise awareness within the Catholic community about the problem, including education, to help people in the community identify and understand the problem of human trafficking.

Trafficking victims need, first and foremost, safety and security. Many of them are terrified of the traffickers who brought them to Hawaii. Providing them with a secure, safe, and nurturing environment is crucial to ensuring their return to society as contributing members. The Church and its service organizations, does all that it can to provide support services to both adult and child victims of trafficking, including health and mental health services, employment assistance, English-language training, counseling, housing and other material assistance needs; however, there is so much more to be done. This bill is a step in the right direction!

The themes of Catholic social teaching—the protection of human dignity and human rights; the option for the poor; the call to family and community; the rights of workers; solidarity and care for creation—all address evils inherent in the trafficking of human beings. These principles of justice are not unique to Catholicism but are manifest in most religions. Commitment to these principles gives the issue of human-trafficking a sense of urgency to many faiths and religious communities. For this reason we strongly support passage of this measure but respectfully leave the legal application to the experts.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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SUBJECT: GENERAL EXCISE, Exempt sex trafficking special treatment facilities

BILL NUMBER: SB 917; HB 1351 (Identical)

INTRODUCED BY: SB by Chun Oakland, Espero, Inouye, Riviere and 3 Democrats; HB by Mizuno, Creagan, Morikawa, Rhoads and 2 Democrats

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Exempts from the general excise tax the compensation received by a victim service provider that provides services to a sex trafficking special treatment facility.

BRIEF SUMMARY: Adds a new section to HRS chapter 237 to provide that the compensation received by a victim service provider for services rendered to sex trafficking victims who are minors shall be exempt from general excise taxation

Adds a new section to HRS chapter 346 to allow the department of human services (DHS) to contract with an established victim service provider to operate and manage a sex trafficking special treatment facility for sex trafficking victims who are minors. Permits any county mayor by executive order, to exempt from real property taxes, water and sewer development fees, rates collected for water supplied to consumers and for use of sewers, and any other county taxes, charges, or fees, a victim service provider operating and managing a sex trafficking special treatment facility.

Defines “sex trafficking special treatment facility” as a facility that provides a therapeutic residential program for care, diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation services for sex trafficking victims who are minors. Defines “victim service provider” as a non-governmental organization that provides social services to sex trafficking victims who are minors including, but not limited to, housing, rehabilitation, education, vocational, medical, mental-health, and substance-abuse treatment programs.

Appropriates \$_____ in general funds in each fiscal year 2016 and 2017 to DHS to carry out the requirements of this act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval

STAFF COMMENTS: This measure proposes a general excise tax exemption for the compensation paid by the department of health and received by a victim service provider that provides services to a sex trafficking special treatment facility.

If the service provider happens to be a tax-exempt organization for which this compensation would be exempt function revenue, the bill is not needed because the compensation would be exempt under existing law. If the service provider is a for-profit organization, it should be taxed like any other for-profit organization doing business with the state. In either event, the exemption proposed by this bill is unwarranted and unwise.

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**TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 1351, RELATING TO A SEX TRAFFICKING
SPECIAL TREATMENT FACILITY**

**House Committee on Human Services
Hon. Dee Morikawa Chair
Hon. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair**

**Monday, February 5, 2015, 8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

Honorable Chair Morikawa and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 300 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in support of House Bill 1351, relating to a sex trafficking special treatment facility.

Over the past four years, lawmakers have taken a tough stand against sex trafficking in Hawai'i, raising penalties for pimps who promote prostitution, allowing victims of coerced prostitution to vacate their court records, and criminalizing the solicitation of minors for prostitution as a felony offense. As these laws have been implemented, the scale and scope of sex trafficking in the islands has been highlighted. Nonetheless, IMUAlliance, estimates that, today, there are roughly 150 high-risk sex trafficking establishments in our state, approximately 125 of which are located in the City and County of Honolulu.

Victims trafficked at these establishments, on our streets, or through the Internet are highly traumatized. Among other ailments, they suffer from physical and sexual abuse, depression and anxiety, suicidal ideation, post-traumatic stress disorder, and loss of identity. As outreach providers, IMUAlliance has encountered victims who, quite literally, have no concept of rape or sexual assault because they don't see themselves as individuals with agency, capable of offering consent outside of another person's—the pimp or trafficker—commands. If you can't understand yourself as an individual with free will, how can you see yourself as a victim of a violent crime that is predicated upon a violation of your free will?

Sadly, while lawmakers have done an excellent job of cracking down on demand for sex trafficking, the state has performed less admirably in supplying services to survivors. Without a centralized location for the provision of comprehensive trauma-informed care, domestic minor

sex trafficking victims (child victims) are less likely to complete successful rehabilitation programs and matriculate into sustainable, healthy, happy lifestyles. Child victims of sex trafficking commonly present substance-related disorders, dissociative disorders, impulse control, conduct disorder, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, antisocial personality traits, and many environmentally-determined psychological concerns (problems with social integration, education, employment, housing, and access to healthcare, for example). Moreover, the comorbidity of victimization with developmental milestones often exacerbates the psychological consequences of sexual exploitation, leaving survivors at high risk for re-victimization by legal, educational, and social services personnel untrained in the cognitive and behavioral challenges specific to sex trafficking. This problem is made all the more urgent by the fact that, in Hawai'i, many, if not most, child victims are discovered through the judicial system, in which they are detained as status offenders or, worse, as prostitutes—a label that no victim of sex trafficking, child or adult, should have to bear.

Ideally, a sex trafficking special treatment facility authorized by this bill would follow three key guidelines:

1. Be established in a remote location with heightened security to prevent victim runaways and access by traffickers;
2. Provide holistic trauma care, including individual and group therapy, counseling, healthcare, educational opportunities, and job and vocational training;
3. Include sex trafficking survivors and trauma care experts in the development of therapeutic programming and site protocols; and
4. Employ research-based, developmentally-appropriate practices associated with better psychological, behavioral, and academic outcomes for minors.

Additionally, any victim service provider contracted pursuant to this bill should be able to provide rehabilitative care for less than the estimated \$190,000 annual youth correctional cost to incarcerate juvenile offenders, a cost that skyrockets when additional therapeutic services are included.

Survivors need hope. Let's build them a home. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Executive Director
IMUAlliance

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Submitted on: 2/2/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaleo Schneider	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am in full support of this bill to provide funding for a residential treatment center for sex trafficking victims.

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

Comments: The DHS should be allowed to contract with a service provider to operate and manage a sex trafficking special treatment facility for underage children. Services currently provided to this population are very inadequate; they need to receive survivor-focused, trauma-informed care via a qualified, licensed, residential rehabilitation program.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ellyn Sollars	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. It is necessary to have this bill which will allow DHS to contract with a service provider to manage a sex trafficking treatment center..

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirsten Baumgart Turner	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Testimony in Support of HB 1351 authorizing the department to contract with an established victim service provider to operate and manage a sex trafficking special treatment facility for sex trafficking victims who are minors. It is imperative that our children who have been victimized receive specialized treatment in a safe, certified, homelike facility that can begin to peel away their multiple traumas. It has been shown that not only is this kind a facility helpful for the children to be able to heal, it is also more cost effective than the traditional practice of placing them in youth correctional facilities. Instead of becoming more hardened by treatment as criminals, and becoming burdens to society, in a privately-run therapeutic residential program they will have a chance to heal and become contributing members of society. Thank you for your support of this vital step toward more cost effectively treating and rehabilitating these young victims of a heinous—and growing crime in our midst.

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Chair Dee Morikawa of House Human Services Committee
Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi of House Human Services Committee

Re: HB 1351, RELATING TO A SEX TRAFFICKING SPECIAL TREATMENT FACILITY.

Thursday, February 5, 2015
8:30AM in House conference room 329

I am Nicole Brodie, a concerned registered voter and taxpayer, and I am testifying in strong support of HB 1351 Relating to a sex trafficking special treatment facility.

With hundreds of children being trafficked in Hawai'i each year, the state has very limited aftercare for these children despite the severe abuse they have been through. They suffer from complex trauma that needs specific intervention. Many of the victims who are identified are sent off island for aftercare because of the lack of services, which means we are currently failing our keiki.

HB 1351 will establish a permanent partnership between the state and victim service providers to operate and manage a sex trafficking special treatment facility for underage children at a cost of approximately \$50,000 less than it costs the state.

Please support HB 1351 to ensure that Hawaii can provide the proper survivor-focused, trauma-informed care via a qualified, licensed, residential rehabilitation program. The right comprehensive care facility can avoid further victimization, recidivism, and most importantly help renew the lives of this vulnerable population.

Sincerely,
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Ines N Serate Maldonado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Supporting Testimony HB 1351

I have had the opportunity to serve alongside many individuals and agencies who work within the anti-trafficking movement here in Hawaii for the past 5 years. We have all worked very diligently to bring the issue of child sex trafficking to a heightened awareness in our community. As awareness to the scope of the problem has increased, so has the number of victims being appropriately identified. Sadly, the greatest need facing child trafficking victims is aftercare services and resources. Nationally, there are significant gaps in aftercare wrap around services including long-term care, physical and mental health care and trauma intervention specifically for underage children who have been victims of sex trafficking. Specifically, here in Hawaii we have very limited resources specific to this vulnerable population. Currently, many of our youth are being sent off island to receive intervention and aftercare given the lack of available services on island.

I have worked with traumatized children over the past 12 years in multiple settings and in differing capacities. Children who have been sexually exploited suffer from severe complex trauma that requires very specific and tailored intervention. Culturally appropriate, health centric and trauma informed services are essential in the rehabilitation process. Without a comprehensive system of care, these children are at risk for being re-victimized, re-traumatized, and ultimately ending up back on the streets or incarcerated within the juvenile justice system. This has an extensive impact not only financially on the state systems, but more importantly the cost on a human life is immeasurable. A comprehensive care residence is much needed for youth who have been victimized in order to help prevent further victimization and recidivism and support healing, renewal, and reintegration back into the community. Please support HB 1351.

Sincerely,

Jessica R. Munoz
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalawai'a Goo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kimberly Carson	Individual		No

Comments: The DHS should be allowed to contract with a service provider to operate and manage a special treatment facility for underage children whom are survivors of sex trafficking. Currently in Hawaii there is limited aftercare for this population of children. Because of the severe abuse they have endured, these children suffer from complex trauma which requires specific treatment. Many of the victims who are identified are sent off island for aftercare because of the lack of services. These children need survivor-focused, trauma-informed care from a qualified, licensed, residential rehabilitation program.

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Stephanie Buck	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1351 relating to sex trafficking. As a vacation destination, Hawai`i is particularly susceptible to sex trafficking. We must continue to work tirelessly to stop this crime in our state and assist the victims to restoration. I support and applaud the legislative efforts to update our laws regarding trafficking and provide comprehensive care solutions for victims. I would be proud to have Hawaii move forward as a leader in victim after-care and restoration. Our most vulnerable keiki deserve the care that a comprehensive home would bring. Please support HB 1351. Mahalo for your support.

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February 4, 2015

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 5th 2015
TIME: 8:30am
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: COMMENTS ON HB1351
RELATING TO A SEX TRAFFICKING SPECIAL TREATMENT FACILITY

Allows DHS to contract with a service provider to operate and manage a sex trafficking special treatment facility. Provides for tax and fee exemptions. Makes an appropriation.

Dear Committee on Human Services:

The Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (PASS) is Hawaii's longest running service provider for victims of sex-trafficking. While we support the intent of HB1351, we feel that this measure may be pre-mature. Though Hawaii is in need of a residential facility specific to sex-trafficked victims who are minors, Hawaii lacks a protocol for proper identification and response to such victims. Due to this lack of protocol, any resources spent on establishing a residential facility at this time, may be wasted.

Without an implemented protocol for child victims of sex-trafficking within the social service, law enforcement, and judiciary systems in our state, the tendency for child-victims to runaway from such a permissive residential care facility will be significant. This would render all efforts to establish this much-needed service, useless.

What needs to come first is an established protocol, which we believe is being developed by both DHS and DOH, then the establishment of a state-run emergency center for trafficking victims as proposed in SB909. An emergency center will allow the time needed to assess the victim in a caring environment, mandated by the state, wherein which victim advocates may align the victim to opting into residential

treatment. Without such an emergency intermediary facility, victims of sex-trafficking will runaway from any permissive residential care facility.

Furthermore, HB1351 contains problematic language that may unjustifiably criminalize children within the proposed residential facility. Section 2(e) on page 2, lines 10-18 are unnecessary and may lead to a major corruption of its original intention to keep the facility secure. This subsection would give any facility operator the ability to criminalize a former resident without due process. Hawaii already has very strong trespassing laws that cover this concern. We recommend that, should this problematic bill pass this committee, this section be removed at the very least.

Mahalo for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Xian
Executive Director
Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carly Presher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sex Trafficking is a huge issue in Hawaii with hundreds of children trafficked each year. I support this bill so that minor sex trafficking survivors have a safe place to relocate and receive services, instead of going back out in the community with no supports, thus continuing the horrible cycle. With this bill, Ho'ola Na Pua will provide therapies, both group and individual to those who need services in all aspects of wellness. This bill will also support financial aspects, as it will cost about \$50,000 less to rehabiliate survivors through these means.

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Testimony of Christopher Kanemura
IN SUPPORT OF HB 1351
Before the House Human Services Committee
February 5th, 2015

Aloha Committee on Human Services,

My name is Christopher Kanemura I help to establish the local non-profit MADE IN HOPE that addresses the issue of human trafficking and violence against women and children,

The thought of even one child being sexually exploited is atrocious. Each year in Hawai'i hundreds of children are trafficked for sex.

Currently, these deeply traumatized children have no place to go for healing and restoration.

Ho'ola Na Pua is the provider of the therapies needed to restore mental and physical health. They also facilitate sustainability projects and vocational training, which is part of the holistic approach to caring for these children.

I support HB 1351 because I know that these children, who have endured so many traumas, will get the comprehensive care they need. They will be able to receive excellent care through Ho'ola Na Pua, who is able to provide these services for significantly less than if the State were to provide it.

Therefore, I urge the committee to please **support HB 1351**.

Thank you,
Christopher Kanemura
MADE IN HOPE

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Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, February 05, 2015 8:30 a.m.

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 329

RE: HB 1351 RELATING TO A SEX TRAFFICKING SPECIAL TREATMENT FACILITY

Allows DHS to contract with a service provider to operate and manage a sex trafficking special treatment facility. Provides for tax and fee exemptions. Makes an appropriation.

Aloha Committee on Human Services:

My name is Christopher D. Yanuaria, a social worker, resident of Hawai`i, and a human trafficking advocate with the local non-profit MADE IN HOPE. I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 1351.**

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery that is widespread domestically and abroad, including here in Hawai`i. Human trafficking is the most appalling violation of human rights I can think of and it is an insult to the personal dignity of the victim. In 2010 I had the opportunity of working directly with survivors of human trafficking as a fellow with the Polaris Project, an organization that is a leader in the global fight to eradicate modern day slavery and restore freedom to survivors. The Polaris Project helped me to understand the array of services needed including health, legal, and social support in order to assist survivors in their process of recovery and reintegration into society. Failure to provide these services increases the possibility of being re-trafficked, suffering from physical and psychological consequences, substance abuse and suicide.

As a local social worker and human trafficking advocate for almost 7 years now, my desire is to help end human trafficking here in Hawai`i. Currently, domestic minor sex trafficking victims have no place to go for centralized trauma therapy and restoration. Ho`ōla Nā Pua is an excellent local non-profit organization that I have had the opportunity to work with, who will be able to

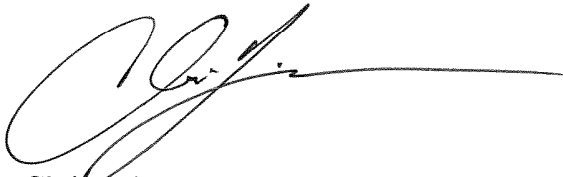
provide the multitude of services for minor sex trafficking victims. The services including: integrated group and individual therapy, mental and physical health care, educational needs, sustainability projects, and vocational training.

Also, HB 1351 will establish a permanent partnership between the state and victim service providers to provide comprehensive care at approximately \$50,000 less than it costs the state to inaccurately and rehabilitate a victim.

In speaking with local agencies working with survivors there are a number of minors being sex trafficked in our state. We need a facility that will provide essential services needed to begin the healing process for our most vulnerable population- our keiki.

I urge you to please SUPPORT HB 1351.

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Yanuaria', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Christopher D. Yanuaria, MSW

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
diane kalama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that sex trafficking is a real problem in Hawaii and it need to be addressed and people made more aware thst this is happening in our own back yard.. Any type of assistance to get this problem minimized would help the State of Hawaii because it is robbing our youth of being productive individuals..We cannot do it alone!

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February 5, 2015

To: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the **House Committee on Human Services**

From: Linda Vee Weiland
Past President, American Association of University Women- Honolulu Branch
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Re: **Testimony in Support, HB 1351, Relating to a Sex Trafficking Special Treatment Facility**

I am grateful for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1351, providing survivors of sex trafficking facility a special treatment facility. The minor children of Hawaii need a safe place to recover from their trauma from being trafficked in the sex trade industry. We provide places of shelter for women and children in domestic violence cases. We must take care of our children that have been exploited in prostitution or child pornography in the state of Hawaii. Both of these crimes are illegal. The Funding of HB1351 for children who have been exploited in the prostitution and pornography trade, often by their own family is needed now for the Keiki of Hawaii.

I have worked with victims of human trafficking, as have others in the state. I have heard testimony from some of our own Keiki about what it is like to be trafficked and how grateful they are to have been able to escape that captivity. I do not see a difference between Domestic Violence and exploiting children. My daughter who was assaulted at 7 years old, and received treatment from the Sex Abuse Treatment Center, summed it up with something like “Mommy do you know how lucky I am I do not know who was bad to me. Most of my friends have had it happen more than once, and most of them had it happen from people they loved and trusted”.

Please help us take care of our Keiki now!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Linda Vee

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Maureen King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that HB1351 Should be passed in order for sex trafficked victims to have a safe place to go.

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To; Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair & Committee

RE: HB 1351

Thursday, February 05, 2015

8:30 a.m. ~ Conference Room 329

My name is Rachel Arakaki, I am currently a MSW student at the University of Hawaii and completing my Practicum at Domestic Violence Action Center .

I am here to provide testimony in support of HB 1351.

Approximately 2 million children are exploited every year in the global commercial sex trade. (Source: UNICEF)

These children have been victims of coercion forced to believe there are no real escapes from their captors. An important step out of this cycle is providing a facility with services that will insure these young victims a place where they can begin the healing process and get the necessary services (physical, educational, vocational) needed to get them on a path towards healing.

By supporting this Bill, it will insure a facility and treatment plan for services that will create a place for healing to begin.

Ho'ola Na Pua is an example of a facility that will provide a range of integrated group and individual therapy in addition with mental and physical health care, educational and vocational training

In closing, I support HB 1351 because it will provide the infrastructure for a permanent partnership between the state and victim service providers that will empower these young people towards living a healthier lifestyle.

Much Appreciation,

Rachel Arakaki