

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1724
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1724, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen provisions to combat human trafficking in the bar, exotic dance, and massage businesses by:

- (1) Requiring massage therapy establishments that employ three or more people, rather than five or more people, to post information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline;
- (2) Increasing the fines to \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for each separate offense thereafter for noncompliance with information posting requirements and directing the deposit of fines collected into the Human Trafficking Victim Services Fund; and
- (3) Authorizing the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to contract with state or county departments or agencies, including county liquor commissions, to implement or enforce posting requirements.



The Young Progressives Demanding Action-Hawai'i, IMUAlliance, UNITE, and one individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Board of Massage Therapy provided comments.

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. 1724, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Chair



