
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that to reduce instances
2 of human trafficking in the State, a cohesive and concerted
3 statewide training program should be provided to law enforcement
4 personnel and the legal community.

5 The purpose of this Act is to help promote the use of
6 existing laws to initiate sustainable and viable investigations,
7 prosecutions, and adjudications in all jurisdictions across the
8 State.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 367, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§367- Training on human trafficking laws. (a) The
13 commission shall establish a statewide training program on the
14 state human trafficking laws for criminal justice personnel.

15 (b) The training shall be provided where possible by an
16 entity that has experience in developing coalitions, training,



1 programs, and policy on preventing human trafficking in the
2 State.

3 (c) The commission shall provide or coordinate training
4 for law enforcement personnel, county prosecutors and other
5 appropriate government attorneys, and court personnel whose
6 caseloads involve state human trafficking laws, the
7 investigation of sex trafficking cases, or the adjudication of
8 sex trafficking cases. The training shall encourage
9 interdisciplinary coordination among criminal justice personnel,
10 build cultural competency, and develop understanding of diverse
11 victim populations including children, youth, and adults.

12 (d) The commission shall submit a biennial report to the
13 legislature on the statewide training program, with a focus on
14 the effectiveness of the training, no later than twenty days
15 before the convening of the regular session of 2021, and every
16 second year thereafter."

17 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

State Commission on the Status of Women; Human Trafficking; Law Enforcement; Training Program

Description:

Requires the State Commission on the Status of Women to establish a statewide training program on the state human trafficking laws for criminal justice personnel.

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