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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO  
MAINTAIN A DATABASE ON SEX TRAFFICKING OFFENSES.

1           WHEREAS, the State is in need of increased data about sex  
2 trafficking; and

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4           WHEREAS, at the present time, there is neither a method for  
5 statewide data collection, nor a clear mandate for the  
6 collection, reporting, and analysis of important metrics of sex  
7 trafficking; and

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9           WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2016-2017, a total of eighty-three  
10 cases of sex trafficking were reported to the Department of  
11 Human Services' child trafficking hotline, and the youngest  
12 reported victim was six years old; and

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14           WHEREAS, no other prevalence data on victims are readily  
15 available, and both the State and non-state actors struggle to  
16 provide adequate care, shelter, and support to the current  
17 number of sex trafficking victims in the State; and

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19           WHEREAS, men, boys, and transgender individuals are  
20 victimized by sex trafficking, but the majority of victims are  
21 cisgender women and girls; and

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23           WHEREAS, cisgender girls accounted for ninety-eight percent  
24 of minor victims in all sex trafficking cases in the country  
25 from 2010 to 2015; and

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27           WHEREAS, due to the enduringly gendered nature of the  
28 crime, the State Commission on the Status of Women produced a  
29 report that points to sex trafficking as a significant problem  
30 in Hawaii; and

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1           WHEREAS, the Commission also found that there is a larger  
2 incentive to force women and youth into sex trafficking in the  
3 State than in major American cities; and

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5           WHEREAS, it is necessary to improve the State's efforts to  
6 stop sex trafficking; now, therefore,

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8           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
10 2019, the Senate concurring, that the State Commission on the  
11 Status of Women is requested to maintain a database on sex  
12 trafficking offenses, which include offenses under sections  
13 712-1200(1)(b) and 712-1202, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the database is  
16 requested to be to:

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18           (1) Collect and maintain relevant statewide sex  
19 trafficking data; provided that all data on the  
20 database is accessible to each governmental entity and  
21 non-confidential data is accessible to the general  
22 public as determined appropriate by the Administrator;  
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25           (2) Annually review data collection practices within  
26 government to ensure agencies are providing data  
27 necessary for the database; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the  
30 database include data on the:

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32           (1) Total number of all sex trafficking cases in Hawaii  
33 reported to national and local trafficking hotlines;  
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35           (2) Total number of sex trafficking cases reported to and  
36 handled by governmental agencies and private  
37 organizations receiving state funding;  
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39           (3) Total number of arrests, prosecutions, and convictions  
40 under sections 712-1200(1)(b) and 712-1202, Hawaii  
41 Revised Statutes;  
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- 1 (4) The age range and average age of victims, offenders,
- 2 and traffickers;
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- 4 (5) The sex and gender identity of victims, offenders, and
- 5 traffickers;
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- 7 (6) The race and ethnicity of victims, offenders, and
- 8 traffickers;
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- 10 (7) The total number of native Hawaiian victims;
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- 12 (8) The total number of immigrant victims; and
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- 14 (9) The total amount of annual federal and state funds
- 15 available to address sex trafficking; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General, the  
 18 Judiciary, and the chiefs of police and prosecuting attorneys of  
 19 the several counties are requested to provide to the Commission  
 20 data necessary for the purposes of the database; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to  
 23 submit a report to the Legislature on the sex trafficking  
 24 statistics, and any proposed legislation, no later than twenty  
 25 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2021, and  
 26 every year thereafter; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 30 State Commission on the Status of Women; the Attorney General;  
 31 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii; and the chiefs  
 32 of police and prosecuting attorneys of the several counties.

OFFERED BY:

