
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII 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 Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women
29 produced a report that points to sex trafficking as a
30 significant problem in Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, it is necessary to improve the State's efforts to
2 stop sex trafficking; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Youth Services Network distinguishes
5 sex trafficking and survival sex; now, therefore,

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

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

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17 (1) Collect and maintain relevant statewide sex
18 trafficking data; provided that all data submission is
19 compliant with the applicable privacy laws governing
20 the source of the data; provided further that all data
21 on the database shall be made accessible to each
22 governmental entity if disclosure and use is
23 consistent with the privacy laws governing the source
24 of the data; and

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26 (2) Annually review data collection practices within
27 government to ensure agencies are providing data
28 necessary for the database; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the
31 database include data on the:

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33 (1) Total number of all sex trafficking cases in Hawaii
34 reported to national and local trafficking hotlines;

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36 (2) Total number of sex trafficking cases reported to and
37 handled by governmental agencies and private
38 organizations receiving state funding;

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40 (3) Total number of arrests, prosecutions, and convictions
41 under sections 712-1200(1)(b) and 712-1202, Hawaii
42 Revised Statutes;



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