
HOUSE 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;
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8 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Youth Services Network distinguishes
9 sex trafficking and survival sex; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
13 2019, that the State Commission on the Status of Women is
14 requested to maintain a database on sex trafficking offenses,
15 which include offenses under sections 712-1200(1)(b) and 712-
16 1202, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the database is
19 requested to be to:
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21 (1) Collect and maintain relevant statewide sex
22 trafficking data; provided that data submission is
23 compliant with the applicable privacy laws governing
24 the source of the data; provided further that all data
25 on the database shall be made accessible to each
26 governmental entity if disclosure and use is
27 consistent with the privacy laws governing the source
28 of the data; and
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30 (2) Annually review data collection practices within
31 government to ensure agencies are providing data
32 necessary for the database; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the
35 database include data on the:
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37 (1) Total number of all sex trafficking cases in Hawaii
38 reported to national and local trafficking hotlines;
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40 (2) Total number of sex trafficking cases reported to and
41 handled by governmental agencies and private
42 organizations receiving state funding;



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2 (3) Total number of arrests, prosecutions, and convictions
3 under sections 712-1200(1)(b) and 712-1202, Hawaii
4 Revised Statutes;
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6 (4) The age range and average age of victims, offenders,
7 and traffickers;
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9 (5) The sex and gender identity of victims, offenders, and
10 traffickers;
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12 (6) The race and ethnicity of victims, offenders, and
13 traffickers;
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15 (7) The total number of native Hawaiian victims;
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17 (8) The total number of immigrant victims; and
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19 (9) The total amount of annual federal and state funds
20 available to address sex trafficking; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General, the
23 Judiciary, and the chiefs of police and prosecuting attorneys of
24 the several counties are requested to provide to the Commission
25 data necessary for the purposes of the database; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is requested to
28 submit a report to the Legislature on the sex trafficking
29 statistics, and any proposed legislation, no later than twenty
30 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2021, and
31 every year thereafter; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the State
35 Commission on the Status of Women; the Attorney General; the
36 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii; and the chiefs of
37 police and prosecuting attorneys of the several counties.
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